



SENATE OF PAKISTAN

House of the Federation

REPORT NO. 07 OF 2020

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

STARRED QUESTION NO. 27 REGARDING “(A) WHETHER THE PC-I AND FEASIBILITY REPORT OF RAILWAY LINES FROM GWADAR TO QUETTA, QUETTA TO ZHOB AND ZHOB TO KOHAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED, IF NOT, REASONS THEREOF (B) DISTANCE IN KMS OF RAILWAY LINES FROM GWADAR TO QUETTA, QUETTA TO ZHOB, ZHOB TO KOHAT AND KOHAT TO PESHAWAR (C) DISTANCE IN KMS OF RAILWAY LINES FROM GWADAR TO KHUZDAR, KHUZDAR TO RATODERO, RATODERO TO SUKKUR, SUKKUR TO LAHORE AND LAHORE TO PESHAWAR” RAISED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 22ND JULY, 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

I, 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 Starred Question No. 27 regarding “(a) Whether the PC-I and Feasibility Report of Railway lines from Gwadar to Quetta, Quetta to Zhob and Zhob to Kohat have been completed, if not, reasons thereof (b) Distance in KMs of railway lines from Gwadar to Quetta, Quetta to Zhob, Zhob to Kohat and Kohat to Peshawar (c) Distance in KMs of railway lines from Gwadar to Khuzdar, Khuzdar to Ratodero, Ratodero to Sukkur, Sukkur to Lahore and Lahore to Peshawar” raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the Senate Sitting held on 22nd July, 2020, referred to the Committee for consideration / report.

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

i)	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
iii)	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
iv)	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
v)	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
vi)	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member
vii)	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
viii)	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
ix)	Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri	Member
x)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamalini	Member
xi)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
xii)	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
xiii)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member

3. The Committee considered the Point of Public Importance in its meeting held on 06th August, 2020 and 26th August, 2020. The following Members attended the meeting on 06th August, 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 Khushbakht Shujat	Member
v)	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
vi)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
vii)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover



4. The following Members attended the meeting on 26th August, 2020:-

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
iii)	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
iv)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
v)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
vi)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Mover
vii)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover
viii)	Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum	Mover

5. The Committee was briefed that projects of rail connectivity of Gwadar Besima-Mastung (900 kms) and Besima-Khuzdar-Jacobabad (360 kms) and New Railway Line from Quetta-Bostan to Kotla Jamon ML-2 via Zhob & D.I.Khan (560 kms) are envisaged under the Framework of CPEC and CAREC connectivity. Feasibility study to connect Gwadar Besima-Mastung (900 kms) and Besima-Khuzdar-Jacobabad (360 kms) have already been completed during Financial Year 2018-19. The estimated cost of Gwadar-Besima-Mastung is Rs. 248,048.000 Million and the cost of Besima-Khuzdar-Jacobabad is Rs. 262,643.000 Million. Distance from Gwadar to Quetta of proposed railway line is about 925 kilometers, Quetta to Zhob is about 320 kms, Zohab to Kotla Jam is about 497 kms and from Kohat to Peshawar is about 347 kilometers. However, the distance from proposed railway line from Gwadar to Khuzdar is about 737 kilometers. Moreover, no rail link is proposed from Khuzdar to Ratodero and Ratodero to Sukkur. However, distance from Sukkur to Lahore is 743 kilometers and Lahore to Pehsawar is 462 kilometers.

6. While further deliberating upon the agenda point, the members of the Committee raised queries about the process and mechanism for prioritizing the important Railway projects relating to CPEC. In response to it, the Secretary Ministry of Railways informed that Government of Pakistan has recently approved the funds through ECNEC for ML1 Project which is the most important project under CPEC. The members also raised the query pertaining to ML4 project particularly its route map, timeline pertaining to feasibility, land acquisition and to start and completion of the entire project.

7. On 26th August, 2020, keeping in view the queries raised by the mover Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in its meeting held on 06th August, 2020, the Ministry of Railways informed that Feasibility study from Gwadar to Quetta and Quetta to Kotla jam via Zhob rail link has been completed during financial year 2018-19 and no study has been carried out in the past from Zhob to Kohat, nor any study is under progress. PC-I for acquisition of land from Gwadar rail connectivity was submitted to Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform in April 2018. Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform directed that cost estimate of land to be acquired may be obtained from concerned Dy. Commissioners, for which matter is under



reference with concerned Dy. Commissioners through Board of Revenue, Government of Balochistan.

8. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar suggested that feasibility pending between Zhob and Tank should be completed and he further stated that direct track from Zhob to Tank should be made instead of linkage via Darazinda. He recommended that Pakistan Railways should adopt the earnest routes on ML4 and may operate passenger train on the same route which will be more beneficial and welfare oriented for the people who have been travelling from Gwadar, Quetta and other parts of the Baluchistan Province to and from Peshawar and Islamabad.

9. After thorough discussion on the Starred Question, the Committee disposed of the matter with the recommendation that M/o Railways may consider to include the suggestions made by the Honourable Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar keeping in view the financial and operational impacts on the project.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee disposed of the matter with the recommendation that M/o Railways may consider to include the suggestions made by the Honourable Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar keeping in view the financial and operational impacts on the project.



(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MOHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO)
Chairman (Committee)