



**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
**House of the Federation**

**REPORT NO. 06 OF 2020**

**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS**

**ON**

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "REVIVAL OF MANDRA-  
CHAKWAL RAILWAY LINE" RAISED BY SENATOR LT. GEN. (RTD.) ABDUL  
QAYYUM IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO**  
**CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS UNDER PROVISIO 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 Point of Public Importance regarding "Revival of Mandra-Chakwal Railway Line" raised by Senator Lt. Gen. (Rtd.) Abdul Qayyum in the Senate Sitting held on 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Jamaldini	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 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The following Members attended the meeting:-

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

4. While considering the Point of Public Importance regarding the revival of the Mandra-Chakwal Railway Line, the Committee was briefed by Senator Lt. Gen (Rtd.) Abdul Qayyum in detail about the feasibility of the project. He asserted that this line which is more

than a century old, once revived will be of extreme strategic importance especially in the context of CPEC. It was also asserted that the line would move in close proximity with military and strategic installations and bases critical for Pakistan's security. Senator Lt. Gen (Rtd.) Abdul Qayyum informed the Committee, that this line touched four stations and near Bhaun and was in close proximity to numerous Cement factories; this he said would promote business and improve work opportunities for locals. In addition to this, he asserted that this would be a huge service to the people of Pakistan as 10000 – 12000 people would regularly travel through this line for work purposes. Also the environment would benefit from it as it would reduce heavy vehicular traffic congestion on roads.

5. The Secretary Ministry of Railways informed the Committee that they are already working on this project and in this regard a prequalification tender is under process. The Ministry assured the Committee of all out support for the project and assured to hire a Consultant for conducting feasibility of the project within three weeks.

6. The Committee lauded the proposal and after thorough discussion on the public point, the Committee disposed of the matter with the recommendation that Pakistan Railway must prioritize it keeping in view the financial and operational impacts. The funding for which could be sought via BOT. Chairman Committee, Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo recommended that the Ministry while conducting feasibility studies for the project must take Senator Lt. Gen (Rtd.) Abdul Qayyum on board.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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Secretary Committee



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Chairman (Committee)