

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNICATIONS**

**Issue raised by Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi
with respect to non-payment from FWO to petty contractors**

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PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE
CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai Advocate, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Communications have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, the report on the issue raised by Lt. General (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi in the House with respect to "Non-payment from FWO to petty contractors because of dispute between NHA and FWO." The matter was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate	Chairman
2.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
3.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
4.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
6.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
7.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
8.	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani	Member
9.	Senator Kalsoom Parveen	Member
10.	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
11.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
12.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
13.	Minister for Interior	Ex-officio Member
14.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Mover

3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 1st August, 2016, at Parliament House, Islamabad. The following members attended the meeting: -

1.	Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate	Chairman
2.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
3.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
4.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
6.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Mover

SUMMARY


The issue was referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Communications on 17th June, 2016. It was raised by Senator Lt. General (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi that the FWO is not disbursing payments to the petty contractors even on completion of the work of Mansehra – Naran – Jalkhad road. The contractors are facing hardships because of financial constraints and the act of non-payment on part of the FWO is quite unfair as they are not complying with the payment terms. Notices were issued to the FWO and NHA as it surfaced that the non-payment is owing to the dispute of payments between both the departments. It was explained that Mansehra – Naran – Jalkhad road project spread over 163 kilometers got started in 1997 on special instructions by the then Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. The project stipulated construction of National Highway (N-15) from Mansehra to Chilas via Naran and Babusar.

The project has been completed almost 96.25% and the rest is scheduled to be completed by September, 2016. The delay in payments to the petty contractors is caused because of the non-payment from NHA to FWO thus causing onward problem to the petty contractors. However the FWO authorities produced a letter stating that the payments to the petty contractors have been expedited and within a short span of time, the rest of payments will be made. The NHA owes a huge liability to FWO and despite financial constraints the FWO has paid Rs.567.816 million to the sublet contractors during last three months. The rest of amount will be gradually cleared. It was assured that it will not take more than six months and the payment issue will be resolved. On this assurance the matter was disposed of.

RECOMMENDATION

On the assurance of FWO authorities that the petty contractors will be paid the due amount of 744.085 million, the matter was disposed of by the Committee. The Committee also directed that the issue of payments to the petty contractors should not go beyond 31st December, 2016. It was also directed that the NHA should approve the Revised PC-1 and the pending payment be released to FWO by 31st October, 2016. With this timeline the issue was disposed of.


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Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE)
Chairman