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**REPORT OF THE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS**

ON

**“THE SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTION NO.51, ASKED BY SENATOR
CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN ON 12TH APRIL, 2017”**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Chairman Standing Committee on Communications, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the subject matter of Question no. 51, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan on 12th April, 2017 regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000, referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given 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 Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
6	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
7	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
8	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
9	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
10	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
11	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member

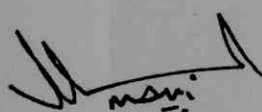
3. The Committee considered the said matter in its meetings held on 28th April, 19th May, and 16th June, 2017 but due to the non-availability of the Mover, the Committee deferred the said agenda for the next meeting on the written request of the Mover. On 7th July, 2017 the Committee finally considered the matter. The said meeting was attended by the following:-

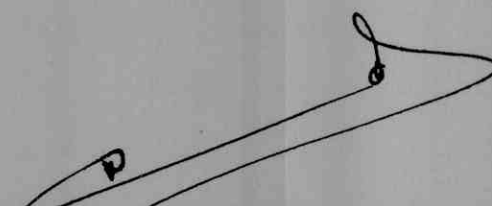
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Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan	Mover

4. Representative from NHA briefed the Committee that NHA started to lease its right of way (ROW) in FY 2002-03 along with regularization of leases awarded by the provincial governments transferred to NHA (where approved businesses were already established and operational). During 2002-03 to 2006-07, 236 lease agreements (both new & inherited) were signed by NHA throughout the country. Out of these 236 leases, 205 leases pertain to land along Lahore Peshawar Highway. He added that majority of the leases (above 90%) were awarded for establishment of CNG/Filling Stations. He further informed the Committee that 106 leases could not be established (throughout Pakistan) due to non-issuance of final NOCs by DCOs. Pursuant to NHA Executive Board decision, non-established leases were terminated in January 2016, due to operational & payment defaults. However, 04 No. of leases expired after completion of their five years lease period (Nurseries & Cabins). 07 No of leases were taken over by NHA under planned utilization. 20 leases are under litigation (19 along Lahore Peshawar highway). At present 99 Leases are operational throughout Pakistan. Out of these 99 leases 89 leases are operational along Peshawar-Lahore Highway. Secretary, Ministry of Communications informed the Committee that up-to 30th June, 2017, due lease rentals against total operational leases (throughout Pakistan) is Rs 406 million. Against this, Rs. 62 million i.e. 15% of due rentals, was outstanding till 31st January 2017 and at present, Rs. 35.94 Million i.e. 8.8% of due rentals is outstanding against total operational leases throughout Pakistan. He added that however, due lease rentals against operational leases of Peshawar Lahore Section was Rs. 295 million against this, Rs. 56.89 Million i.e. 19.3% was outstanding till 31st January 2017 and at present, Rs. 31.79 Million i.e. 7.8% is outstanding against operational leases of Peshawar-Lahore Section.

5. The Mover showed satisfaction over the briefing given by the Ministry and requested the Chair to dispose of the matter and he further requested the Chair to direct the Ministry to reply his queries raised by him during the meeting. The Chairman Committee directed that the queries raised by the Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan should be addressed by the Ministry concerned. The Secretary, Ministry of Communications assured that concerned officers will submit detailed replies of the queries.

6. After due deliberation, the Committee disposed of the matter and gave approval for presentation of this report to the House.


(HAMMAD KHAN MARRI)
Secretary (Committee)


(SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI)
Chairman (Committee)