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

ON

**“THE SUBJECT MATTER OF A POINT OF PUBLIC
IMPORTANCE REGARDING COLLECTION OF TOLL TAX AT
NEW ISLAMABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RAISED BY
SENATORS MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH AND
SAMINA ABID ON 15TH MAY, 2018”.**

**Presented by
(SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH)
(CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE)**

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IN THE HOUSE ON 15-05-2018**

I, Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Communications have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the subject matter of a point of public importance regarding collection of toll tax at new Islamabad International Airport, raised by Senators Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh and Samina Abid in the House on 15th May, 2018 and referred to the Standing Committee on Communications for consideration and report.

2. Following is the composition of the Committee:-

(i)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
(iii)	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
(iv)	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
(v)	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
(vi)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
(vii)	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
(viii)	Senator Agha Shahzaib Khan Durrani	Member
(ix)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
(x)	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
(xi)	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
(xii)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
(xiii)	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member

3. The subject matter of the point of public importance was considered by the Standing Committee in its meeting held on 7th August, 2018. The Chairman National Highways Authority (NHA) informed the Committee that a Concession Agreement was signed, on 23-04-2014, between National Highway Authority (NHA) and M/S Motorway Operations & Rehabilitation Engineering (Private) Limited (MORE) for "Overlay and Modernization of Lahore - Islamabad Motorway (M-2) on build-operate-transfer (BOT) basis for the period of 20 years. M/S MORE is subsidiary Company of M/S Frontier Works Organization (FWO).



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Concession Area includes the following:-

Motorway Track	:	333 Kilometers
Lahore By Pass	:	17 Kilometers
Islamabad Link / Airport Road	:	7 Kilometers
Total:		357 Kilometers

For an access to New International Islamabad Airport, NHA got constructed some additional lanes on either sides of Islamabad Link Road to facilitate new airport traffic, under Variation Order No.1 of Concession Agreement with M/S MORE. M/S MORE is claiming that it is their right to collect toll on New International Islamabad Airport road as traffic leading to airport uses Islamabad link road. Whereas under the provisions of Clause 13.6 of Concession Agreement, decision to construct and establish an interchange or new toll plaza is vested with NHA. As such the temporary toll plaza erected and its toll imposed on commuters at New International Islamabad Airport by M/S MORE is without consent of NHA.

4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Mover informed the Committee that FWO is charging each vehicle with Rs.30 instead of Rs.11 and do not give receipt or ticket to 75% of people. He showed a receipt that clearly mentioned that the toll tax is Rs.30. Senator Fida Muhammad also enquired as to where this toll money is going.

5. The Chairman NHA, informed the Committee that they have taken up the issue and FWO will abolish the toll tax within 15 days. He further stated that he will hold an inquiry for charging nearly 3 times the toll tax for any one traveling to and from the Islamabad International Airport.

6. During next meeting of the Committee held on 24th October, 2018, the M/O Communications informed the Committee that subsequent to a detailed meeting held between Chairman NHA and Director General (FWO), toll collection at Islamabad Link Road has been abolished on 17th August, 2018. Giving explanation regarding charging of toll tax @ Rs.30/- the NHA officials informed that it was charged @ Rs.30/- for 2/3 days but after that it was charged on per kilometer basis which was Rs.11/- per vehicle.

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7. Following members attended the meetings of the Committee held on 7th August and 24th September, 2018:-

(i)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
(iii)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
(iv)	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
(v)	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
(vi)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
(vii)	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
(viii)	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
(ix)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
(x)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
(xi)	Senator Agha Shahzaid Khan Durrani	Member
(xii)	Senator Fida Muhammad	Member
(xiii)	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh	Mover
(xiv)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Mover
(xv)	Senator Samina Abid	Mover
(xvi)	Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Mover
(xvii)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Mover

8. The Standing Committee on Communications appreciated the action taken by NHA in abolishing the toll collection at new Islamabad International Airport on the intervention / recommendation of the Committee and decided to present report of the Committee in the House.



(SHAUKAT JAVAID)

Joint Secretary/Secretary Committee



(SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH)

Chairman Standing Committee on
Communications