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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

ON

" POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING STOPPAGE OF FUNDS FOR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF BLOOD DISEASE FOR POOR LEUKEMIA (BLOOD CANCER) PATIENTS, RAISED BY SENATOR DR. SIKANDAR MANDHRO IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON 10TH OCTOBER, 2018"

PRESENTED BY:

SENATOR SASSUI PALIJO
CHAIRPERSON (COMMITTEE)

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I, Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Point of Public Importance regarding stoppage of funds to National Institute of Blood Diseases and for poor leukemia patients raised by Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro during sitting of the Senate held on 10th October, 2018.

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

1.	Senator Sassui Palijo	Chairperson
2.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
3.	Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
4.	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member
5.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
6.	Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
7.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
8.	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
9.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
10.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
11.	Senator Waleed Iqbal	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-officio Member

3.   The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 23rd January, 2019 and then again in the meeting held on 8th May, 2019 which was attended by the following members:-

1.	Senator Sassui Palijo	Chairperson
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro	Member
4.	Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
5.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
6.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
7.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Mover
8.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum	Special Invitee

3.   Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro apprised the Committee about the context of the Point of Public importance raised by him in the House. He stated that the Prime Minister used to fund the only two institutes who catered to patients of leukemia in Karachi on non-profit basis which catered for more than 100 patients a year. However, the said funding has been stopped for almost a year now. He was of the view that the treatment of leukemia and other types of cancer is very costly and is out of reach of the poor
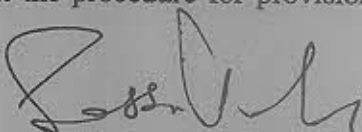
people. Therefore, the P.M. fund was very important for provision of treatment to the poor patients suffering from the disease.

4. The Secretary, M/O Parliamentary Affairs informed the Committee that their Ministry has sent a summery to the Cabinet for allocation of funds under the said head which is awaiting approval. He informed that previously it was proposed that the patient is to submit application to the P.M. office which will send it to the National Health Services Division, Cabinet Division and then to the Pakistan Bait-ul Mall which will make the payment. However, now in the summery they have suggested that the Bait-ul Mall should directly deal with the cases as it has its structure at district level. The Committee directed the M/O Parliamentary Affairs to actively pursue the summery and get it approved by the Cabinet at the earliest. The Committee also directed that the procedure for provision of financial assistance to poor patients should be made easy.

5. **Recommendations:** After thorough discussion, the Committee disposed off the matter and recommended that the M/O Parliamentary Affairs should actively pursue the summery and get it approved by the Cabinet at the earliest. The Committee also directed that the procedure for provision of financial assistance to poor patients should be made easy..

(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee
    Islamabad, the
    8th May, 2019.

(SENATOR SASSUI PALIJO)
Chairperson Committee