

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

House of the Federation



REPORT NO. 1 OF 2019

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

“STARRED QUESTION NO. 73 REGARDING UNAVAILABILITY OF
WATER, LIGHT & WINDOW GLASS AND INSUFFICIENT BOGIES IN THE
TRAINS OPERATING BETWEEN QUETTA AND CHAMAN RAISED BY
SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR IN THE SENATE SITTING
HELD ON 25-04-2019”

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)

24-06-2019

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Railways, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Starred Question No. 73 raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the Senate, regarding unavailability of water, light & window glass and insufficient bogies in the trains operating between Quetta and Chaman, referred by the House on 25-04-2019 to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

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| 1) Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo | Chairman |
| 2) Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi | Member |
| 3) Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim | Member |
| 4) Senator Khushbakht Shujat | Member |
| 5) Senator Rahila Magsi | Member |
| 6) Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen | Member |
| 7) Senator Gianchand | Member |
| 8) Senator Khanzada Khan | Member |
| 9) Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams | Member |
| 10) Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai | Member |
| 11) Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan | Member |
| 12) Senator Qurat ul Aim Marri | Member |
| 13) Senator Seemee Ezdi | Member |



3. The said matter was placed on the agenda of the meetings held on 21-05-2019 and 24-06-2019. The following Members attended the meeting on 21-05-2019:-

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| 1) | Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi | Member |
| 3) | Senator Khanzada Khan | Member |
| 4) | Senator Gianchand | Member |
| 5) | Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams | Member |
| 6) | Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai | Member |
| 7) | Senator SeemeeEzdi | Member |
| 8) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Mover |

4. The following Members attended the meeting on 24-06-2019:-

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| 1) | Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi | Member |
| 3) | Senator Gianchand | Member |
| 4) | Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams | Member |

5. In the Committee meeting held on 21-05-2019, Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, the mover of the agenda while briefing on the point, informed that due to unavailability of water, light and broken glasses, the passengers travelling on Quetta-Chamman Train have been facing difficulties. He requested the Committee that Pakistan Railways should ensure to provide all facilities and enhance the number of bogies including one Air-condition boggy in order to accommodate more passengers in the train. He also pointed out that the train is mostly stopped by Custom authorities on undesignated places for checking purpose and due to which passengers face many problems. He insisted that the Custom checking points must be fixed and train may be checked on the same.

6. The Committee directed that Ministry of Railways must take following actions immediately:-

- i) Ensure to make availability of water on each station as well as in the train during the journey from Quetta to Chamman and back.
- ii) Additional bogies including an Air-condition may be added with the train.
- iii) The glasses on all the windows of the train bogies must be fixed / repaired.



- iv) Ensure to decide on 110/210 power voltages in the train bogies for fixing the issue of electrification of fans and lights installed in the train.
- v) Ministry should coordinate with the Custom authorities for resolving the issue of checking of the train on proper designated places by the Custom officials. Ministry of Railways will always extend possible assistance to the Custom authorities for stoppage of smuggling through the train, if any.
- vi) Ministry of Railways will submit report in the next meeting of the Committee.

7. In the Committee meeting held on 24-06-2019, Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, the mover of the agenda could not attend the meeting due to his personal engagement. While briefing to the Committee in compliance of its directions passed in its meeting held on 21-05-2019, the Secretary Ministry of Railways informed that facility of drinking water at Quetta and Chamman stations is already existed. Besides that, water coolers have been placed enroute stations to avoid any complaints. Six refurbished economy class coaches have been provided to replace the old one. Light, fans and wire gauge for the protection of window glasses have been provided. It is also informed that the same were inspected and inaugurated by Honourable Senator Mr. Muhammad Usman Kakar at Quetta station on 25-05-2019. He appreciated the efforts of Pakistan Railways and show his entire satisfaction on provision of public amenities in the rake. However, it is informed that on availability of 220 volt power plants, attaching of AC coach shall be considered in due course of time.

8. In view of above position, the Committee unanimously decided to dispose off the matter and to present the same before the House.



(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MOHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO)
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad
The 24th June, 2019