

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT NO.27 OF 2020



House of the Federation

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

ON

THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES)
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020, LAID IN THE HOUSE ON 5TH JUNE, 2020,
UNDER ARTICLE 73 OF THE CONSTITUTION

PRESENTED BY:

SENATOR FAROOQ HAMID NAEK

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

I, Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on a Bill further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974, [The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2020], laid on the table of the House on 5th June, 2020, under Article 73 of the Constitution for making recommendations, if any, thereon to the National Assembly and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

(1)	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Chairman
(2)	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
(3)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
(4)	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
(5)	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
(6)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
(7)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
(8)	Senator Imam-ud-Din Shouqeen	Member
(9)	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
(10)	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
(11)	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
(12)	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
(13)	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
(14)	Advisor the Prime Minister for Finance and Revenue	Ex-Officio Member



3. The Committee considered the said Bill in its meeting held on 16th June, 2020, at Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting of the Committee was attended by the following Senators:-

(1)	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Chairman
(2)	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
(3)	Senator Muhammad Akram	Member
(4)	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member

4. While considering the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, clause by clause, the Additional Secretary Finance said that the provision of 25 business class air tickets is a privilege of Members of the Parliament facilitating them to travel in connection with proceedings of Parliament, hence the same cannot be facilitated to their families, therefore, the Finance Division does not support the said Bill. The Chairman Committee apprised that there is no further burden on the National Exchequer as already the facility is being availed by the Members that can now also be availed by their spouses and children up to eighteen years of age. Therefore the Committee unanimously recommends to the National Assembly that the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, may be passed without any amendment.

5. The Bill as passed by the National Assembly is annexed.


(HYDER ALI)
JS/Secretary (Committee)


(SENATOR FAROOQ HAMID NAEK)
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad, the 16th June, 2020

[AS INTRODUCED IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (No. XXVII of 1974) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 10, Act XXVII of 1974.**- In the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII of 1974), in section 10.-

(a) in sub-section (2A),-

(i) for the expression "be entitled to twenty five business class open return air tickets", the expression "be entitled to receive travel vouchers of equal amount of twenty-five business class open return air tickets of Pakistan International Airline" shall be substituted;

(ii) after the word "Islamabad", the words "through applicable airline route" shall be added; and

(iii) for full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

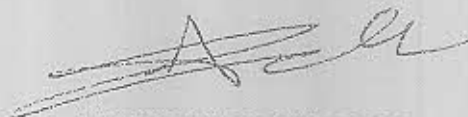
"Provided that the un-utilized air tickets and vouchers for financial year 2019-2020 shall remain acceptable till their utilization upto the 30th June, 2020." ; and

(b) in sub-section (3), for the expression "sub-section (1)", the expression "sub-section (1) and (2A)" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECT AND REASONS

Section-10 of the Members of Parliament (Salary & Allowances) regulates free travel privilege of the Parliamentarian. Members are entitled for twenty-five business class open return air tickets from air port nearest to their constituencies to Islamabad, per annum. In addition, vouchers of Rs.300000/- to be utilized for travelling by air or train by Parliamentarian as well as their family members are also provided during a year. There has been persistent demand by the Parliamentarian to extend the utility of 25 air-tickets to their family members as well. National Assembly Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure also recommended accordingly. Therefore, vouchers of equal value in lieu of admissible twenty five business class open return air tickets are proposed to be issued to the Members of Parliament, which may be utilized by family members of the Parliamentarian as well.

The Bill seeks to achieve the aforesaid objective.



MINISTER-IN-CHARGE