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1. Chairman of Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the Honour to present report on “Point of Public Importance regarding “Relief package for businesses especially Hotels and Restaurants in ICT, Islamabad” raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi in the House on 17th July , 2020.

2. The Bill, upon introduction in the Senate, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report back to the House.

3. The composition of the Standing Committee on Interior as under: -

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Kalsoom Parveen	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member
4.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
6.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member
7.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
8.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
9.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
10.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem	Member
13.	<u>Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi</u>	<u>Member</u>
14.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Committee considered and discussed the matter in its meeting held on 17th July, 2020. The following Members of the Committee: -

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Kalsoom Parveen	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Member/Mover
4.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
5.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member

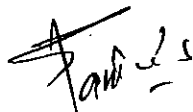
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5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi briefed the Committee that the trader community, especially for Hotels and Restaurants had to pass through hard times as there was no business activities during lockdown due to coronavirus pandemic in Islamabad. The trader community, especially Hotels and Restaurants are facing heavy losses in their business. If the government does not give them relief, the poor employees will have to suffer due to non-payment of their salaries. It is, therefore, the government should make sure payment of salaries of their employees and the owner or landlord of the commercial buildings should get half of the rent from traders. He also pointed out that the inflated bills of Electricity, Gas and other utility services are playing havoc with trader community, especially with Hotels and Restaurants.

6. The Committee recommends as under:-

1. The Committee recommended that the government should ensure payment of salaries to the employees of Shops and Markets by the Traders in Islamabad.
2. The Committee recommended that the government should issue directions to the landlords or owners of the commercial buildings or shops to charge only 50% rent of Shops, Commercial buildings for the period of lockdown due to coronavirus in Islamabad.
3. The Chairman Committee directed that the government should issue a notification on the implementation of the above recommendations of the Committee in ICT, Islamabad.
4. The Committee recommended that the Trader Community ,especially Hotels and Restaurants , should be exempted from Electricity and Gas bills including other utility services for a period of the Lockdown due to COVID 19 in the ICT, Islamabad.
5. The Committee recommended that all students should be exempted from payment of School and College fees for a period of the Lockdown due to COVID 19 in the ICT, Islamabad.

7. The Committee disposed of the matter and the report is submitted in the House.



(TANVIR AHMED)
D.G./Secretary Committee



(SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK)
Chairman Committee

ISLAMABAD, THE
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