



SENATE OF PAKISTAN
House of the Federation

REPORT NO. 05 OF 2020

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 REGARDING “(A) WHETHER IT IS A FACT THAT
OUT OF SIX OFFICERS SHORTLISTED FOR APPOINTMENT AGAINST THE
POST OF CEO, RAILWAYS ONLY ONE OFFICER FULFILLS THE REQUIRED
QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE POST (B) WHETHER IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT
INSTEAD OF ELIGIBLE OFFICERS, THE NAMES OF JUNIOR OFFICERS HAVE
BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SUMMARY SENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR
APPOINTMENT AGAINST THE SAID POST, IF SO, THE REASONS THEREOF
INDICATING ALSO THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS
REGARD” RAISED BY SENATOR MUSHTAQ AHMED IN THE SENATE SITTING
HELD ON 28TH JANUARY, 2020**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS UNDER PROVISO TO RULE 195 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012

I, Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Railways, have the honour to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on Starred Question No. 258 regarding “(a) Whether it is a fact that out of six officers shortlisted for appointment against the post of CEO, Railways only one officer fulfills the required qualifications for the post (b) Whether it is also a fact that instead of eligible officers, the names of junior officers have been included in the summary sent to the Prime Minister for appointment against the said post, if so, the reasons thereof indicating also the steps being taken by the Government in this regard” raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed in the Senate Sitting held on 28th January, 2020, referred to the Committee for consideration / report.

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

i)	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
iii)	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
iv)	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
v)	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
vi)	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member
vii)	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
viii)	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
ix)	Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri	Member
x)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
xi)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
xii)	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
xiii)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member

3. The Committee considered the Starred Question in its meeting held on 20th February, 09th June, 14th July, 06th August and 26th August, 2020. The following Members attended the meeting on **20th February, 2020:-**

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iii)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
iv)	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
v)	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed	Mover

4. The following Members attended the meeting on 09th June, 2020:-

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iii)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
iv)	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member

5. The following Members attended the meeting on 14th July, 2020:-

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
iii)	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
iv)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
v)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
vi)	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
vii)	Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan	Mover

6. The following Members attended the meeting on 06th August, 2020:-

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
iii)	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
iv)	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
v)	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
vi)	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
vii)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover

7. The following Members attended the meeting on 26th August, 2020:-

i)	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
ii)	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
iii)	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
iv)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
v)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
vi)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Mover
vii)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover
viii)	Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum	Mover

8. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, the mover of the Starred Question informed the Committee that in the Summary for approval for selection of CEO Railways, the Prime Minister out of the panel of six officers selected one junior most officer Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Buriro as CEO by ignoring other most senior officers He said that Mr. Saeed Ahmed Khan instead of being the senior most officer of PR was deprived from his legitimate right. He further disclosed NAB references against Mr. Buriro.

9. In reply, Mr. Arshad Salam Khattak, Secretary Railways Board confirmed that there was no NAB reference against Mr. Buriro. He further informed that Mr. Saeed Ahmed Khan was failed to submit Assets Declaration forms and his ACRs of last three years i.e. 2016, 17 & 18 were missing. However, the high level Committee headed by Prime Minister decided to select Mr. Buriro out of the penal of six officers.

10. The Chairman Committee raised a question that whether Prime Minister can supersede senior officers by selecting a junior officer and whether this is discretion of the Prime Minister to select anyone of the person included in the panel without recording the reasons thereof. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad raised a question whether any officer included in the list was dual national?

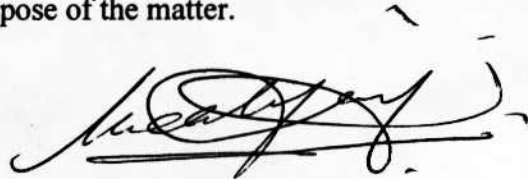
11. In response to it the Secretary, Ministry of Railways replied that Prime Minister has powers to drop any senior officer and select one junior most officer as CEO without giving any reasons. He further informed that Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Buriro Ex-CEO Railways was not having dual nationality during the period of his service. After thorough discussion on the Starred Question, the Committee disposed of the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

After thorough discussion on the Starred Question and in the light of satisfactory response from the Ministry against the question raised by the Honourable Senator, the Committee unanimously recommended to dispose of the matter.



(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Secretary Committee



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