

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
ON
POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "CLOSURE OF PTV BOLAN
CHANNEL" RAISED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR IN
THE SENATE ON 15TH JULY, 2020.**

REPORT NO. 05 OF 2020

**PRESENTED BY:
SENATOR FAISAL JAVED
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Point of Public Importance regarding "closure of PTV Bolan Channel" raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar in the Senate on 15th July, 2020 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1. Senator Faisal Javed	Chairman
2. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
3. Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
4. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
5. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
6. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
7. Senator Kamran Michael	Member
8. Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
9. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
10. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
11. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
12. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
13. Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
14. Minister for Information and Broadcasting	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 26th August, 2020. The following attended the meeting:-


1. Senator Faisal Javed	Chairman
2. Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
3. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
4. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
5. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
6. Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
7. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
8. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
9. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Mover



2. The Committee had detailed discussion on the matter. The Mover of the agenda Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar explained that PTV Bolan represents regional culture of Balochistan and signifies an integral federal unit. He said that there are complaints that it is being closed down which, he added, should not be closed as it is a major source of entertainment for the locals.

3. The Managing Director PTVC informed the Committee that PTV Bolan is telecasting its programmes and transmission seven days a week in regional languages such as Brahvi, Balochi and Pashto, and airs programmes on entertainment, current affairs and news. He assured the Committee that there is no such plan for its closure.

4. The Committee with the consent of the Mover disposed of the matter for onward report to the House.



(ADNAN IBNE ASAD)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR FAISAL JAVED)
Chairman Committee