

## **SENATE SECRETARIAT**

# REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

"RIGHTS OF SPECIAL PEOPLE"

#### PRESENTED BY

SENATOR A. RHMAN MALIK Chairman Standing Committee on Interior



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#### REPORT OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON "RIGHTS OF SPECIAL PEOPLE" RAISED BY SENATOR DR. SHAHZAD WASEEM

I, Chairman of Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the Honour to present report on "Rights of Special People" raised by Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem in the House on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

- 2. The Point of Public Importance, upon introduction in the Senate, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report back to the House.
- 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.	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
14.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

4. The Committee considered and discussed the Bill in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. The following Members of the Committee: -

1.	Senator A. Rehman Malik	Chairman
2.	Senator Kalsoom Parveen	Member / Mover
3.	Senator Muhammad JavedAbbasi	Member / Mover
4.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
6.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Member / Mover
7.	Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
8.	Senator Sardar Muhammad ShafiqTareen	Member
9.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem	Member / Mover

5. Senator Shahzad Waseem stated that the present government is committed to facilitate the special people as much as possible. He highlighted the executive lacunas i.e., the definition of disability, which should be removed at earliest. He informed the committee that NADRA issues the life-time special ID card to disabled persons on the basis of disability certificate issued to them. He was of the view that not all the disabilities are permanent. Thus, the due procedure must be streamlined for issuing life-time special ID card. Moreover, the issuance of disability certificate was devolved at district level, but no such rules are framed so far in this



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regard. He further apprised that the term "life-time" disability is an incorrect term and thus, the definition of disability must be made free of any ambiguity. Therefore, the misuse of life-time special ID cards must be prevented.

- 6. Secretary Interior pointed out that the law related to Special People, has certain loopholes, thus, the law should be re-visited and strengthened in this regard.
- 7. Senator Rana Maqbool was also of the view that the nomenclature of special people must be raised by calling them "differently-abled", instead of "disabled" persons.
- The Committee recommends as under:-
  - The existing procedure for issuance of CNIC for disabled persons should be reviewed on merit basis.
  - NADRA should prepare comprehensive SOPs for issuance of CNIC with special logo of disability.
  - iii. The nature of disability should be written on the CNIC specifically.
  - The certificate of disability should be issued by the medical board of government hospital.
  - v. 2% quota as per given provisions in the recruitment rules of the government should be ensured by the Government.
  - vi. All buildings shall have escalators or ramps from Parking to last floor.
  - vii. 50% concessions for the disabled persons.
  - viii. The Chairman Committee directed the Ministry of Interior to introduce a legislation to devise a comprehensive mechanism to address the above observations and for issuance of a Certificate of Disability by an authorized medical institution on merit.

( SENATOR A. REHMAN MALIK )
Chairman Committee

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

(TANVIR AHMED)

D.G. / Secretary Committee

ISLAMABAD, THE 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.