



SENATE OF PAKISTAN
House of the Federation

REPORT NO. 01 OF 2021

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "DETAIL OF PROFITS/LOSS OF
FREIGHT TRAINS" RAISED BY SENATOR NAUMAN WAZIR KHATTAK IN
SENATE SITTING HELD ON 04TH MARCH, 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 Point of Public Importance regarding "Detail of profits/loss of freight trains" raised by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak in Senate sitting held on 04th March, 2020, referred to the Committee for consideration / report.

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

1.	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
4.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
5.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
6.	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member
7.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
8.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
9.	Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri	Member
10.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
12.	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
13.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member

3. The Committee considered the Point of Public Importance in its meeting held on 09th June, 14th July, 06th August, 26th August, 2020 and 12th February, 2021. The following Members attended the meeting on **09th June, 2020:-**

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

4. 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

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| v) | Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member |
| vi) | Senator Atta ur Rehman | Member |
| vii) | Senator Mushtaq Ahmed Khan | Mover |
5. The following Members attended the meeting on **06th August, 2020:-**
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| 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 |
| v) | Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member |
| vii) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Mover |
6. The following Members attended the meeting on **26th August, 2020:-**
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| 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 |
7. The following Members attended the meeting on **12th February, 2021:-**
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| i) | Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo | Chairman |
| ii) | Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen | Member |
| iii) | Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai | Member |
| iv) | Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi | Member |
| v) | Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan | Member |
8. While discussing plans on starting container cargo to KPK and to make Azakhel dry port successful, the Committee was informed that from 05th August, 2020, 1136 TEUs have been booked with Pakistan Railways at Karachi and will be transported to Azakhel Dry Port in the next one week. Further booking of containers is in progress being a regular feature. Pakistan Railway Freight Transportation Company (PRFTC) will operate two GIT trains (140 TEUs) per day for which arrangements are being finalized shortly. Further, the return of empty containers from Azakhel Dry Port to Karachi has been started from 04th August, 2020. In addition to it, PRFTC plans to start export cargo from Azakhel Dry Port for the purpose to facilitate export of product from KPK.
9. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak, the mover of the agenda pointed out that the data pertaining to transportation of TEU container at Azakhel Dry Port provided by the Ministry of

Railways is incorrect. Secondly, he informed that Pakistan Railways has been charging different rates at different routes for transportation of containers. He proposed that instead of different rates, a uniform fare system should be introduced throughout the country as it is practiced in many countries throughout the world. This will be beneficial for the people via cross-subsidy.

10. AGM Traffic briefed the Committee on the Agenda point. He highlighted two parameters of rate structure per ton kilometer (TKM) of Goods Trains for different stations. The detail is as under:-

Sr.	Station	Normal Rates / TKM	Reduced Rates / TKM
1.	Prem Nagar	3.51	2.32
2.	Faisalabad	3.41	2.35
3.	Azakhel	3.09	2.27
4.	Peshawar	2.99	2.22

He informed that as per above table there is slight variation of rates between different stations and Pakistan Railways is charging approximately similar rates per TKM, however, Pakistan Railways is also taking measures to charge uniform rates throughout the country to avoid such disparity.


11. Secretary, Ministry of Railways further briefed that the distance between Lalamusa to Peshawar is 330 km and Pakistan Railways is charging double rates on this route because of usage of double engine and human resource. This is the main reason for non-implementation of uniform rates throughout the country. On a question by the Chairman Committee, the Secretary Railways informed that Pakistan Railways is earning 55% revenue from Passenger Trains and 45% revenue from Goods Trains.

12. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi also agreed with the point of public importance raised by Senator Nouman Wazir Khattak. He also advocated for uniform rates throughout the country. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen suggested that subsidy should also be given to the freights trains. The Chairman Committee raised a question that how much loss Pakistan Railways will suffer if they charge uniform rates and whether Ministry will implement the directions of the Committee to apply uniform rates throughout the country? In reply the Secretary Railways informed that Pakistan Railways will suffer loss of Rs. 36000 per train and 0.35 per TKM if they charge uniform rates. He further informed that this issue will automatically resolve in the first phase of ML-1, however, he agreed with the Chairman Committee for implementation of uniform rates throughout the country and requested the Committee to give ministry time period for implementation of the same.

13. After detailed deliberation, the Committee decided that uniform rate per TKM for the gradient area should be provided as given to the rest of the areas of the country and a time period of 03 months is given to Pakistan Railways to do the required process. **After thorough discussion on the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Nouman Wazir Khattak, the Committee disposed of the matter.**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee decided that uniform rate per TKM for the gradient area should be provided as given to the rest of the areas of the country and a time period of 03 months is given to Pakistan Railways to do the required process.



(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Secretary Committee



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