



SENATE OF PAKISTAN

House of the Federation

REPORT NO. 01 OF 2021

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 17 "WHETHER IT IS A FACT THAT THE PROVINCE
OF BALOCHISTAN IS NOT INCLUDED IN ML-1 PROJECT? IF YES THEN
REASONS THEREOF AND THE STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT TO
IMPROVE RAILWAY SERVICE IN BALOCHISTAN" RAISED BY SENATOR
DANESH KUMAR IN SENATE SITTING HELD ON 14TH JULY, 2021**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD QASIM
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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

I, Senator Muhammad Qasim, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Railways, have the honour to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on Starred Question No. 17 "whether it is a fact that the Province of Balochistan is not included in ML-1 project? if yes then reasons thereof and the steps to be taken by Government to improve railway service in Balochistan" raised by Senator Danesh Kumar in Senate sitting held on 14th July, 2021, referred to the Committee for consideration / report.

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

1.	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Chairman
2.	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Mohammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
4.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot	Member
7.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
8.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
9.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	Member
10.	Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen	Member
11.	Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi	Member
12.	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member

3. The Committee considered the Starred Question in its meeting held on 12th August and 18th November, 2021 respectively. The following Members attended the meeting on 12th August, 2021:-

i)	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Chairman
ii)	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
iii)	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
iv)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
v)	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur	Member

4. The following Members attended the meeting on 18th November, 2021:-

i)	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Chairman
ii)	Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi	Member
iii)	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Member
iv)	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member

v)	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
vi)	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur	Member
vii)	Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
viii)	Senator Danesh Kumar	Mover

5. Senator Danesh Kumar, the mover of the agenda point could not attend the meeting on 12th August, 2021, however, in the meeting dated 18th November, 2021, the Secretary Railways Habib ur Rehman Gilani informed the Committee that two new trains to Quetta would be introduced as soon as new passenger coaches were made available for Balochistan. He said Bolan Express would resume its service from 1st December, 2021, while 90 per cent work on Harnai-Sibi sector had been completed. Train on Quetta-Chaman sector was being operated on a weekly basis, whereas train service from Quetta to Zahidan would be started shortly,

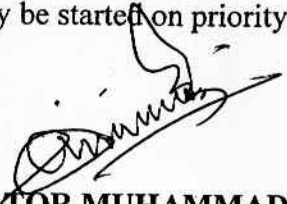
6. The Minister for Railways apprised the Committee that efforts were being made to operate local trains in Quetta to facilitate people while train service to Quetta would be outsourced through Public Private Partnership. He revealed that PR encourages and taking efforts for maximum participation by private companies in the offer. All operative services would be provided to Private Companies by Pakistan Railways. The Committee was apprised that under the CPEC, railway projects would be completed in phases in eight years. Under the first phase of ML-1, track between Peshawar and Karachi would be rehabilitated and dualised, but Quetta is not part of ML-1 for the time being. He said Balochistan was part of the CPEC under long-term projects, and considering the current situation, Jaffer Express and another train were being operated on a daily basis.

7. Senator Naseebullah Bazai pointed out that night train service from Karachi to Quetta, which used to be operated in 1998, had been stopped and said it should be resumed to facilitate travelers who suffered at the hands of coach mafias and due to road accidents on this route. The Committee recommended that a night train service on Karachi-Quetta-Karachi route may be started on priority basis. **After thorough discussion on the Starred Question raised by Senator Danesh Kumar, the Committee disposed of the matter.**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee keeping in view the convenience of the people recommended that a night train service on Karachi-Quetta-Karachi route may be started on priority basis.


(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MUHAMMAD QASIM)
Chairman (Committee)