

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

STARRED QUESTION NO.43 ASKED BY SENATOR DOST MUHAMMAD
KHAN REGARDING THE CASUALTIES IN SOUTH WAZIRISTAN DUE
TO LANDMINES.

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN SSC ON INTERIOR



SENATE SECRETARIAT

SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR ON STARRED QUESTION NO.43 ASKED BY SENATOR DOST MUHAMMAD KHAN REGARDING THE CASUALTIES IN SOUTH WAZIRISTAN DUE TO LANDMINES.

I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman senate standing committee on interior, have the honor to present report of the committee on Starred Question No.43 asked by Senator Dost Muhammad Khan regarding the Casualties in South Waziristan due to landmines. The matter was raised by Senator Dost Muhammad Khan in the Senate in the Senate sitting held on 29th December, 2021 whereupon, the issue was referred to the SSC on Interior for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
<u>Minister for Interior</u>	<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>



3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meeting held on 28th April, 2022. The meeting was attended by the following:-

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
3. Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
4. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
5. Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
6. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
7. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Mover

4. The senior officers of the Ministry of Interior and Secretary Home Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were also present in the meeting.

5. The Mover briefed the Committee about the miseries of the people of the area whose loved ones are losing their lives due to landmines blasts. The Mover raised two demands before the Committee that the Government should sweep the landmines in the area and the amount of compensation may be enhanced. Moreover, the process of payment of compensation may be made easy for the poor families.

6. Secretary Home Department Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa informed the Committee that during the last five years 25 casualties have been reported out of which the compensation has been paid to the families of 18 deceased persons. He informed that amount of compensation is Rs.300,000/= for deceased and Rs.100,000/= for the injured persons. He further informed that last casualty was reported on 8th February, 2021. He stated that the landmines were laid during the Russian invasion of Afghanistan.

7. The Mover disagreed with the figures provided by the Home Secretary and stated that the actual figures are much more than the reported ones.

8. The Committee observed that the Government should launch a special operation to sweep the landmines by involving the locals of the area. The Committee also directed that the Secretary Home Department may share the list of victims with the Committee and also directed the Mover to provide the details available with him so that the same can be forwarded to the Government for verification.



9. The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Interior endorsed the suggestion of the Committee and further suggested that the compensation should commensurate with the compensation being paid to the civilian victims of terrorism in other provinces.

10. After detailed deliberation and discussion, with the satisfaction of the Mover, the Committee disposed of the agenda item with the following recommendations/direction:-

- Secretary Home Department shall share the list of victims of landmines with the Committee clearly indicating the number, names, nature of injury and number of deceased persons with date and year wise breakup along-with the compensation paid to the victims during the last seven years within two months.
- The Mover shall share the list of victims available with him.
- The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa may launch a specialized landmines sweeping operation in South Waziristan by involving the locals of the area.
- The compensation may be enhanced at par with the other provinces and the same may be shared with the Committee within a period of two months.
- The compensation for the injured persons may be determined as per the nature and gravity of the injury.
- Government job may be offered to one legal heir of the victim/deceased in landmine blast.

11. The Committee also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.


(MUHAMMAD AZAM)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee