

SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION



REPORT NO.4

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ON

"THE SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO.54, ASKED BY SENATOR  
BAHRAMAND KHAN TANGI REGARDING THE "OVERSEAS  
PAKISTANIS IN THE GULF STATES HAVE BEEN FACING A NUMBER  
OF PROBLEMS LIKE DIFFICULTIES IN RENEWAL OF IOAMAS, ISSUE  
OF LOST PASSPORT, NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES BY THEIR  
KAFEELS ETC"

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR FAROOQ H. NAEK  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

Subject: **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.**

I, Senator Farooq H. Naek, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs have the honour to present the report of the Committee on the Senate Starred Question No.54, asked by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi regarding the "Overseas Pakistanis in the Gulf States have been facing a number of problems like difficulties in renewal of Iqamas, issue of lost passport, non-payment of salaries by their Kafuels etc" referred by the House on 27.09.2022.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Farooq H. Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem,	LOO/Member
3.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed,	Member
4.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
5.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
6.	Senator Faisal Javed	Member
7.	Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
8.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
10.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
11.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Soharwardy Taimur	Member
13.	<u>Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri</u>	<u>Member</u>
14.	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ex. Officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs considered the matter in its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022. Following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Farooq H. Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
4.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Soharwardy Taimur	Member
6.	<u>Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri</u>	<u>Member</u>
7.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Mover

4. The Hon'ble Senator Farooq H. Naek, Chairman of the Committee asked the Mover Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi to make his statement on the referred matter regarding the "Overseas Pakistanis in the Gulf States have been facing a number of problems like difficulties in renewal of Iqamas, issue of lost passport, non-payment of salaries by their Kafuels etc".

5. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi while showing his dissatisfaction on the answer as furnished by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, expressed his concerns over lack of responsibility of the Mission to ensure the safety and redressal of problems faced by Pakistani citizens working in Gulf States. He said that our workers have no legal support systems against abuse and harassment by their employers, especially regarding Iqamas. He further added that our workers receive no medical or legal assistance in such cases from our respective Pakistani Missions.

6. Secretary M/o Foreign Affairs explained that among millions Pakistanis working abroad, there are always instances where some of them do face these problems. However, he clarified that our citizens who approach the respective embassies are assisted in letter & spirit and number of issues have been addressed in the past. The Foreign Secretary also requested the hon'ble Senator Tangi to provide any specific instance where the consulates have failed to address any issue.

7. After the detailed briefing and question/answer session, the hon'ble Chairman Committee Senator Farooq H. Naek disposed-off the matter with following directions:-

The matter concerning the Starred Question No.54 raised by Senator Tangi was considered in detail in the meeting and regarding which response has also been submitted in writing by the Foreign Office. The question being general in nature, the response thereto has also come in the same passion. The Senator Tangi is not satisfied and request for time to submit to the Committee specific incidents/instances with the wrong doing, have been done and the concerned Embassies and Consulates, have not taken action which is required by them. The Starred Question hereby disposed-off, however, Senator Tangi is at liberty to raise any specific question on the floor of the House or submit to this Committee for consideration accordingly.



(HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH)  
AS/Secretary Committee



(SENATOR FAROOQ H. NAEK)  
Chairman  
SC on Foreign Affairs