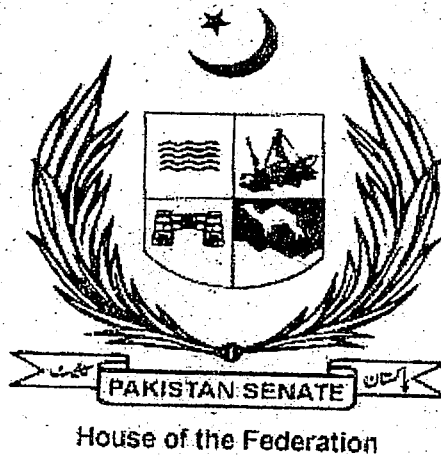


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ON

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I, Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development have the honor to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on a Point of Public Importance regarding 'problems being faced by overseas Pakistanis' raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed in the sitting of the Senate held on 14th July, 2021. The matter was referred to the Senate Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Chairperson
2.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
3.	Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim	Member
4.	Senator Liaqat Khan Taraqai	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo	Member
6.	Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan	Member
7.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
8.	Senator Shaheen Khalid Butt	Member
9.	Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
10.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
11.	Senator Prince Ahmed Omer Ahmed Zai	Member

3. The Committee took up discussion on the issue in its meetings held on 26-08-21, 04-11-21, 21-02-22, 16-09-22 and 05-01-23. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting held on 5th January, 2023:

I.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Chairperson
II.	Senator Shaheed Khalid Butt	Member
III.	Senator Rana Mehmood ul Hassan	Member
IV.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
V.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member


4. The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development briefed the Committee regarding the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed. The Mover, however was dissatisfied with the response submitted by the Ministry in this regard. He apprised the Committee that overseas Pakistanis had been instrumental drivers of the economy during the Covid pandemic through their remittances. However, in time of need, the

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Government of Pakistan did not support them as it should have. Flights from Peshawar were suspended, and ticket prices were raised by the PIA. Overseas Pakistanis had to travel abroad via Kabul, but the Government failed to facilitate them there. Even though many overseas Pakistani's had already booked their tickets from Kabul, the Torkhum border was shut down, adding to their problems. He also stated that no assistance in dead body transfer for overseas Pakistanis was provided, and this was also done by private organizations. He inquired about the details of the Community Welfare Fund, including expenditure on overseas Pakistanis. A detailed report was sought from the Ministry in this regard.

5. Following detailed discussions, the Committee disposed the matter, and decided to seek regular updates from the Ministry regarding its activities pertaining to the facilitation of Overseas Pakistanis.


(SYED BILAL BOKHARI)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR MANZOOR AHMED KHAN KAKAR)
Chairperson Committee