

House of the Federation

## SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT NO. 28

### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

ON

*Point of Public Importance regarding “Rising domestic violence incidents in the country with special reference to the case of minor girl Rizwana in the ICT” raised by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani in the Senate Sitting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2023”*

Presented by:

**SENATOR WALID IQBAL  
CHAIRMAN**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Human Rights, have the honour to present this Report on a Point of Public Importance regarding "Rising domestic violence incidents in the country with special reference to the case of minor girl Rizwana in the ICT" raised by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani in the Senate Sitting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2023. The Point of Public Importance, upon introduction, was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Chairman
2.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3.	Senator Dr. Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
4.	Senator Seemi Ezdi	Member
5.	Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
6.	Senator Quratul Ain Marri	Member
7.	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
8.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
9.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
10.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
11.	Senator Irfanul Haq Siddiqui	Member
12.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
13.	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Member
14.	Minister for Human Rights	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Human Rights considered the matter in its meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2023 under the Chairmanship of Senator Walid Iqbal. Following Honorable Senators were present at the time of consideration of the matter:-

1.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Chairman
2.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
3.	Senator Dr. Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member
4.	Senator Seemi Ezdi	Member
5.	Senator Quratul Ain Marri	Member
6.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
7.	Senator Falak Naz	Member
8.	Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani	Member
9.	Senator Dr. Mohammad Humayun Mohmand	Member

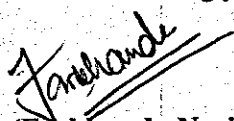
4. The Committee invited and heard all stakeholders, including Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, mover of the agenda item, Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Interior, National Commission for Human Rights, National Commission on the Rights of Child and Inspector General of Police, Islamabad.

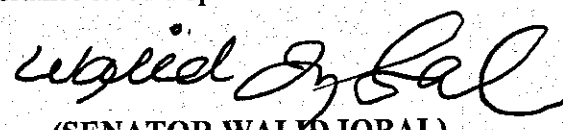
5. The Committee thereafter deliberated upon the rising number of the cases regarding domestic violence in the country, with special reference to the case of the minor girl, Rizwana, in the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, the mover of the subject matter, applauded the efforts of National Commission for Rights of the Child (NCRC), as well as law enforcement agencies, for their effective response to the incident, and maintained that there is a dire need for uniform legislation criminalizing domestic child labor in the country.

6. The Chairperson NCRC, Ayesha Raza Farooq, further apprised the Committee that hazardous child labor has already been criminalized in ICT, but the Provinces have as yet failed to legislate effectively to prevent the child labor. The Committee was of the view that besides preventing domestic child labor, Article 25A of the Constitution should also be implemented in its true letter and spirit, which makes it obligatory for every citizen to acquire necessary education.

7. Senator Dr. Humayun Mohmand argued that current economic constraints have made it difficult for parents to feed their children, let alone providing education. Chairperson of NCRC remarked that NCRC was working on effective legislation involving the matter, and that a Bill preventing domestic child labor would be tabled in the Senate quite soon. The DIG Operations ICT informed the Committee that the accused woman in this case was arrested the day after the incident. However, the husband of the accused, who is a Civil Judge from Punjab, posted in the National Judicial Academy in Islamabad at the time of commission of the crime, has not cooperated with the Police despite several requests made to the Registrar of Lahore High Court. The Committee, while disposing of the matter, directed the ICT Police to provide updates to the Committee through the Ministry of Human Rights every two months, so that proper investigation and prosecution of all concerned could be ensured.

8. Accordingly, the instant point of public importance stood disposed of.

  
(Farkhanda Nasir)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR WALID IQBAL)  
Chairman Standing Committee on Human Rights