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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

ON

"CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE MOVED BY SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ ON 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024 REGARDING THE ISSUE OF PROBLEMS BEING FACED BY THE COMMUTERS TRAVELLING FROM PUNJAB AND KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA TO ISLAMABAD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF DEDICATED ACCESS FROM M-1 SECTION TO THE AIRPORT "

PRESENTED BY:

SENATOR PERVAIZ RASHID

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Pervaiz Rashid, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Communications have honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, the report on Calling attention notice moved by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 regarding the issue of problems being faced by the commuters travelling from Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Islamabad international airport due to non-availability of dedicated access from M-1 section to the airport. The matter was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

i.	Senator Pervaiz Rahid	Chairman
ii.	Senator Dost Ali Jesar	Member
iii.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
iv.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
v.	Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar	Member
vi.	Senator Abdul Wasay	Member
vii.	Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
viii.	Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir	Member
ix.	Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro	Member
x.	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Member



3. The Committee placed the subject matter of calling attention notice on the agenda of its meetings held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. The following members along with the mover attended the meeting:-

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| i. Senator Dost Ali Jeesar                | Member |
| ii. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir          | Member |
| iii. Senator Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro | Member |
| iv. Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar         | Member |

4. Senator Mohsin Aziz briefly apprised that the subject of his calling attention notice referred to the committee is for public facilitation and safety. He stated that commuters en route from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Islamabad International Airport are travelling about 20 km extra for taking a U-turn at Thalian Interchange towards airport. He indicated that there is loop at Srinagar Highway towards M-2 and if that loop can possibly be extended by giving a U-turn then it can facilitate the commuters in saving time and distance travelled.

5. Chairman, NHA informed that in the existing infrastructure of M-1 motorway there was a round about when said loop was constructed. However, due to another project of public transport that round about was closed. He further pointed that in a few month times another interchange of a housing society is likely to be built which will curtail the travel distance and time for commuters of KPK. Another prospect he shared with Committee was that the Rawalpindi ring road construction once built up till Thalian will increase traffic load manifold on the existing Thalian Interchange. Therefore, a feasibility study is in progress and in that study the loop on Srinagar Highway has been included in order to reduce the traffic load on Thalian interchange and possibilities are being explored for vehicles coming from M-1 motorway towards airport to take a round from the said loop towards the airport. However, he acknowledged that these are medium to long term solutions.

6. Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar pointed out that there are atleast two traffic signals in Metro bus Lahore project. Drawing a comparison, he stated that Lahore metro have a very high frequency of buses plying compared to Islamabad Metro bus project. He suggested that a signal may be installed on metro route keeping in view the frequency and timing of the metro buses may on the pointed out loop to facilitate the commuters from KPK.

7. The Committee disposed of the calling attention subject with recommendation that till the possibility of a permanent solution, NHA in coordination with CDA shall engage to carve out an

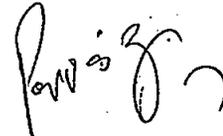


interim facility/ possibility of a signal on the indicated metro route for giving space to commuters of KPK travelling towards airport and to curtail load at Thalian interchange.

8. The Committee disposed of the calling attention notice of Senator Mohsin Aziz, with recommendation that till the possibility of a permanent solution, NHA in coordination with CDA shall engage to carve out an interim facility/ possibility of a signal on the indicated metro route for giving space to commuters of KPK travelling towards airport and to curtail load at Thalian interchange.



(Qasim Omer)  
D.S./Secretary Committee



(Senator Pervaiz Rashid)  
Chairman Committee