



SENATE OF PAKISTAN
House of the Federation

REPORT NO. 01 OF 2024

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

ON

**MOTION WHICH READS "THE HOUSE MAY DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF
DISCONTINUATION OF THE RAILWAY LINE, KNOWN AS LOOP SECTION,
FORMERLY OPERATED THROUGH THE DISTRICTS OF UMERKOT,
THARPARKAR AND THE MIRPURKHAS STATIONS" MOVED BY SENATOR
POONJO BHEEL IN SENATE SITTING HELD ON 9TH SEPTEMBER, 2024**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR JAM SAIFULLAH KHAN
CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS UNDER PROVISIO TO RULE 195 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012

I, Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Railways, have the honour to present the report, on behalf of the Committee, on Motion which reads "The House may discuss the issue of discontinuation of the Railway Line, known as Loop Section, formerly operated through the Districts of Umerkot, Tharparkar and the Mirpurkhas Stations" moved by Senator Poonjo Bheel in Senate sitting held on 9th September, 2024 referred to the Committee for consideration / report.

2. The Composition of the Standing Committee is as under:-

i)	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Chairman
ii)	Senator Nasir Mehmood	Member
iii)	Senator Dost Ali Jessar	Member
iv)	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
v)	Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
vi)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
vii)	Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb	Member
viii)	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
ix)	Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi	Member
x)	Senator Muhammad Qasim	Member
xi)	Minister for Railways	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Motion in its meeting held on 13th November, 2024. The following Members attended the meeting:-

i)	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Chairman
ii)	Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee	Member
iii)	Senator Dost Ali Jessar	Member
iv)	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
v)	Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover
vi)	Senator Poonjo Bheel	Mover

4. Mr. Amir Nisar Chaudhry, Additional General Manager briefed the Committee that the railway line from Jamrao to Pitharo of 183 km was laid in the British era, and 10 trains used to operate on this section more than 30 years ago with steam locomotives. There were total 22 stations including Umerkot, Jamrao, Jhuluri, Mir Ala-dad Talpur, Digri, Jando Jan Muhammad, Jhudo, Naukot, Kunri and Pitharo Junction. Section remained operative till 2005 with only 1 train. However, the section is closed due to commercial non-viability and because of its old and obsolete design. He further informed that Thar rail connectivity project has been

started in 2024 for execution of new railway line from Thar-Chhor. Project is expected to be completed by the end of 2025.

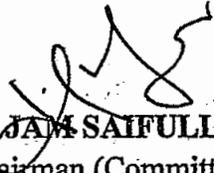
5. Senator Poonjo Bheel, the mover of the agenda informed that people of his area made lot of sacrifices in construction of this old train route of Loop Section. They voluntarily gave their land and labour without any payment during construction of this railways track. He informed that population on this line is high and it is beneficial compare to the track recently developed by the Ministry of Railways.

6. The Committee recommended that Ministry of railways may take action for feasibility and re-assess the financial viability and operational condition of the closed route of Loop Section and submit report to the Committee. The Committee will keep following up the matter. **The Committee with these recommendations disposed of the matter referred by the House.**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommended that Ministry of railways may take action for feasibility and re-assess the financial viability and operational condition of the closed route of Loop Section and submit report to the Committee. The Committee will keep following up the matter.


(JAMIL AHMED KHOSO)
Joint Secretary / Secretary
Committee


(SENATOR JAM SAIFULLAH KHAN)
Chairman (Committee)