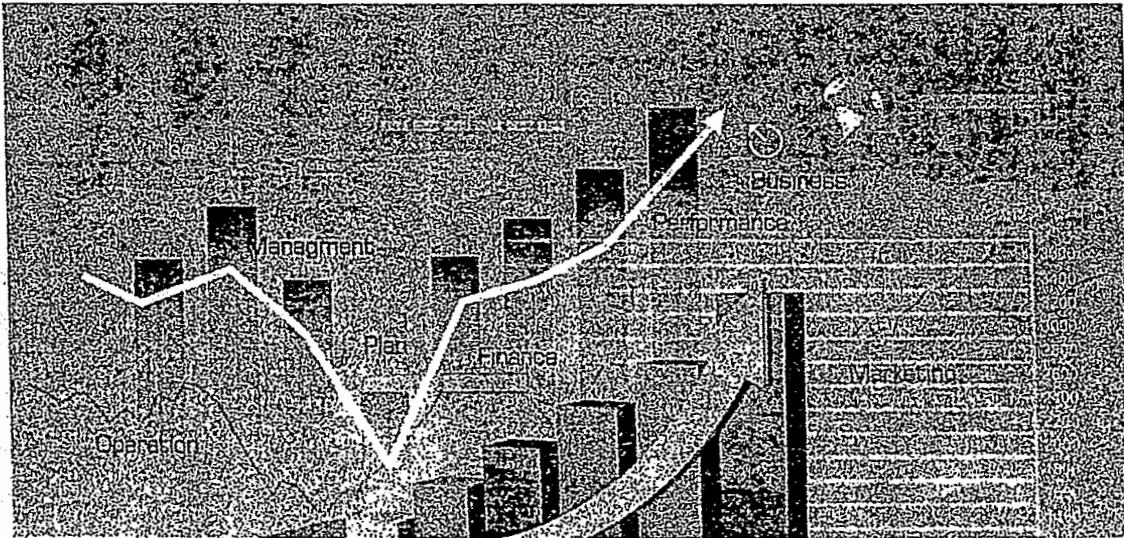


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I, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue have the honor to present the report of the Committee on "The Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Manzoor Ahmad Kakar in the sitting of the Senate held on 9th September, 2024 regarding 10% levy on transport and businessmen across Pakistan and Iran".

The Committee comprises of the following honorable Members:-

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
4. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
5. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
6. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
7. Senator Shahzaib Durrani	Member
8. Senator Fesal Vawda	Member
9. Senator Ahmed Khan	Member
10. Senator Manzoor Ahmed	Member
11. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
12. Minister for Finance and Revenue	Ex-Officio Member

2. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 23rd October and 13th November, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No.1 & 2, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting held on 23rd October, 2024, was attended by the following Members.

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Sherry Rehman	Member
3. Senator Fesal Vawda	Member
4. Minister for Finance and Revenue	Ex-Officio Member

3. The meeting held on 13th November, 2024, in Committee Room No.2, was attended by the following Members.

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3. Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member (Via Zoom)
4. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan	Member
5. Senator Shibli Faraz	Member
6. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
7. Senator Faisal Ali Sabzwari	Member
8. Senator Danesh Kumar	Special Invitee

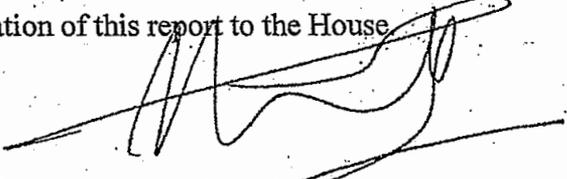
4. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar highlighted excessive transportation charges imposed by Iran on Pakistani businesspersons, including a one-dollar-per-kilometer fee and a 10% levy, causing

economic losses. He noted that 500-600 containers are stranded in Iran and questioned the absence of reciprocal charges on Iranian businesspersons entering Pakistan.

5. The representative from FBR clarified that transportation issues fall under the Ministry of Communications and highlighted the outdated 1987 transport agreement. They proposed reciprocal measures or eliminating charges entirely. The FBR emphasized resolving the issue diplomatically through the Ministry of Communications and the Foreign Office.
6. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar criticized the inconclusive outcomes of Joint Border Committee meetings and the lack of updated agreements. He stressed the need for reciprocal measures to protect Pakistani business interests and suggested inviting Iranian representatives to address these concerns effectively.
7. After detailed discussions and deliberations the Committee recommends to the House that the said matter may be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Communications.
8. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House



(IFFAT MUSTAFA)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA)
Chairman Committee