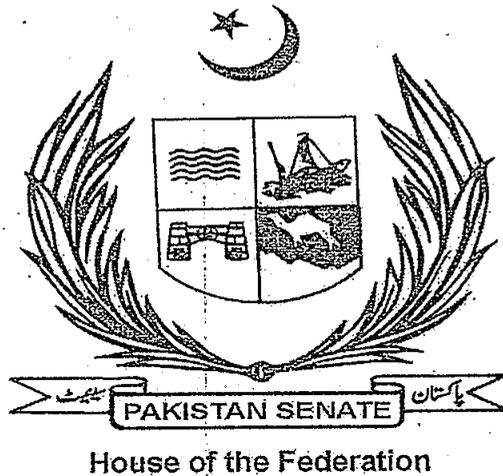


**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
**HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

**REPORT NO. 06 / 2025**



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
INTERIOR AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ON THE PRICE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF PROFITEERING AND  
HOARDING (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024, INTRODUCED BY  
SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ, IN THE SENATE IN ITS SITTING  
HELD ON 29TH APRIL, 2024.**

**PRESENTED BY:**

**SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on the "The Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding (Amendment) Bill, 2024, introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz, in the Senate in it's sitting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
5.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
6.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
7.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
8.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
9.	Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
10.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Member
11.	Minister for Interior	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Bill was considered by the Committee in its meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2025. The last meeting was attended by the following Members:

1.	Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
5.	Senator Umer Farooq	Member
6.	Senator Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
7.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Mover
8.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardi Taimur	Mover
9.	Minister of State for Interior	Ex-officio Member

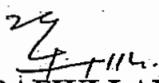
4. Senator Mohsin Aziz informed the Committee that some members of business community have been indulging in corrupt practices for their selfish interests at the cost of interests of the general public. He stated that these people do not follow the prices fixed by the Government and tend to hoarding in order to get the price of their own choice. The purpose of his Bill is to introduce whistle blowing mechanism, to the extent of ICT, in the Price Control and

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Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977 to ensure consumer protection and save financial loss to the Government exchequer.

5. The Chief Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, ICT opposed the Bill. They were of the view that there are already two laws present on the subject matter of hoarding. They also informed that since the Bill provides for reward for the whistle blower regarding hoarding, therefore, there are apprehensions of its misuse. They were also of the view that normally hoarding is conducted in production areas and there is no bulk production of any commodity in ICT. They also stated that Rawalpindi and Islamabad are the stations for supplies to KPK, AJK, GB and even Afghanistan. The goods aimed for supply to those areas can be construed as hoarding which may disrupt the supply chain.

6. The Committee after thorough discussion, disposed of the "The Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding (Amendment) Bill, 2024, and recommended that it may not be passed. *(Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annexure-A).*

  
(RAFIULLAH)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN)  
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the  
20<sup>th</sup> May, 20225.

INTRODUCED ON 29.04.2024

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

Amendment-A

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*further to amend the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering  
and Hoarding Act, 1977*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977 (XXIX of 1977) in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of section 2, Act XXIX of 1977.**— In the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977 (XXIX of 1977), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 2, after clause (c), the following new clause (ca) shall be inserted, namely:-

"(ca) "hoarding"—

- (i) means stocking or storing anything in excess of the maximum quantity of essential commodity allowed to be held in stock or storage, in the manner as may be prescribed; or
- (ii) where no maximum quantity of an essential commodity is prescribed under sub-clause (i), hoarding shall mean stocking or accumulation of essential commodity without offering such essential commodity for sale, despite there being a demand by consumers;"

3. **Addition of section 17, Act XXIX of 1977.**— In the said Act, after section 16, the following new section 17, shall be added, namely:—

**"17. Reward to informers.**— (1) Whoever provides an information to the Controller-General with regard to any act or acts of hoarding any essential commodity, which results in a conviction and release of funds into the government exchequer, shall be entitled to an award equivalent to **five percent** of the amount released to the government exchequer, in the manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The claim for reward by such person shall be rejected, if,—

(a) he is a public office holder, an employee of Federal, Provincial or Local Governments or spouse, parents, siblings and children of the aforementioned persons; and

(b) the Controller-General already had the information."

### **STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

It has been observed that some segments of the business community have unfortunately become so entrenched in wrongdoings that corruption and violation has become inherent part of their lives. In order to tackle this issue, it is proposed to introduce the whistle blowing mechanism in the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977, to ensure consumer protection and save financial loss to government exchequer.

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ**  
Member-in-charge