

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO. 4

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

“Starred Question No. 1, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan in the Senate Session held on 22nd May, 2024, regarding the steps taken by the Government to control corruption in the Railways department also indicating the number of Railways officials held responsible/ penalized on corruption charges during the last five years”.

PRESENTED BY

Senator Shahadat Awan
Chairman
Standing Committee on Railways

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Shahadat Awan, Chairman Standing Committee on Railways, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "Starred Question No. 1, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan in the Senate Session held on 22nd May, 2024, regarding the steps taken by the Government to control corruption in the Railways department also indicating the number of Railways officials held responsible/ penalized on corruption charges during the last five years". The instant matter was referred by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

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| 1. Senator Shahadat Awan | Chairman |
| 2. Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi | Member |
| 3. Senator Dost Ali Jeesar | Member |
| 4. Senator Rubina Khalid | Member |
| 5. Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb | Member |
| 6. Senator Nasir Mehmood | Member |
| 7. Senator Kamil Ali Agha | Member |
| 8. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai | Member |
| 9. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan | Member |
| 10. Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee | Member |
| 11. Minister for Railways | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The Committee considered the question in its various meetings previously and held conclusive discussion in the meeting on 25th February, 2026, under the Chairmanship of Senator Shahadat Awan, with the following in attendance:


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| 1. Senator Shahadat Awan | Chairman/Mover |
| 2. Senator Dost Ali Jeesar | Member |
| 3. Senator Rubina Khalid | Member |
| 4. Senator Nasir Mehmood | Member |

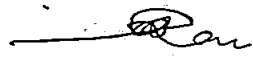
4. The Mover elaborated his Question and said that it pertained to the steps taken to control corruption and the number of railway officials held responsible or penalized on corruption charges over the past five years. Senator Awan highlighted that the Railways is currently involved in numerous legal disputes, with cases pending before Supreme Court, High Court and Civil and Criminal Court, some of which have been indefinitely ajourned. The land dispute is another serious issue," he added, revealing that the 13,615 acres of railways land had been encroached, of which only 1,193 acres was released. He pointed out that the Railways had failed to take decisive action despite

the land being worth millions of rupees. He further noted that the Railways had cited the large number of cases pending in the courts, NAB and FIA as a reason for the delay, but stressed that this was no excuse for the lack of transparency. NAB and FIA representatives present in the meetings of the committee time and again, informed that all the cases referred by the railways for enquiry had been taken up except few which have been recently referred by the Ministry.

Recommendations:

5. After detailed deliberations and discussions the Committee made following recommendations:
- i. The Committee recommended that the Ministry shall expedite the disposal of all pending matters in the departmental committees on a priority basis and to submit a report after fixing the responsibilities, if any, within three months to the Committee.
 - ii. The Committee recommended that the Ministry shall report back to the Committee within three months, regarding the grant of land for petrol pumps on lease and revision of rent charged thereof, in line with the relevant laws.
 - iii. The Committee recommended that the Ministry shall furnish, within one month, a complete list and updated status of cases pending litigations related to the National Accountability Bureau and the Federal Investigation Agency.
 - iv. The Committee recommended that the details of progress and achievements made in the vacation of encroached railway land, shall be submitted quarterly to the Committee.
6. Following the exhaustive deliberations, the agenda item was disposed of.


(Farkhanda Nasir)
Secretary Committee


(Senator Shahadat Awan)
Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways