### **SENATE OF PAKISTAN**



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# REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS

ON

"POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE
REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND
PENSION TO THE PERSONNEL OF LEVIES AND
KHASSADAR FORCES WORKING IN KURRUM AND
ORAKZAI AGENCIES, RAISED BY SENATOR
AURANGZAIB KHAN IN THE HOUSE ON
01-10-2018".

**Presented by** 

Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi Chairman of the Committee

### SENATE SECRETARIAT

# REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF A POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING NON-PAYMENT OF SALARIES AND PENSION TO THE PERSONNEL OF LEVIES AND KHASSADAR FORCES WORKING IN KURRUM AND ORAKZAI AGENCIES, RAISED BY SENATOR AURANGZAIB KHAN IN THE HOUSE ON 01-10-2018

I, Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, Chairman of the Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the subject matter of a point of public importance regarding non-payment of salaries and pension to the personnel of Levies and Khassadar Forces working in Kurrum and Orakzai Agencies, raised by Senator Aurangzaib Khan in the House on 01-10-2018 and referred to the Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions for consideration and report.

Following is the composition of the Committee:-

1	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Chairman
2	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
3	Senator Aurangzeb Khan	Member
4	Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi	Member
5	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
6	Senator Hillal-Ur-Rehman	Member
7	Senator Lt. General (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
8	Senator Muhammad Ayub	Member
9	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
10	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
11	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
12	Minister for States and Frontier Regions	Ex-Officio Member

- 3. The subject matter of the point of public importance was considered by the Standing Committee in its meetings held on 06-11-2018, 11-02-2019, 29-03-2019 and 08-04-2019.
- 4. During 1st meeting of the Committee held on 06-11-2018, the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions informed the Committee that an Assessment Committee has been constituted to determine the exact number and period of Levies Personnels, who overstayed beyond their age of superannuation. The Committee decided to wait for the report of the Assessment Committee.
- 5. This matter relates to the condonation of overstay period of 624 Levy personnels of Orakzai Levy Force. An Inquiry Committee was constituted on 04-10-2018 with Secretary Law & Order, FATA as its convenor while Deputy Secretary(L/TA), SAFRON and Deputy Commissioners / Commandants of Orakzai and Kurram Levy Force as its members. The Inquiry Committee has found that a total of 624 Levy personnel fall in this category and the financial implication of their over stay comes to Rs.934,596,774/-whereas overstayed period of employees is from four months to twenty years and above.



6. The Inquiry Committee has recommended as under:-

(i) There are 576-ex-employees of Levy Force Orakzai TD who remained in

service beyond the age of superannuation.

(ii) 575 ex-employees were paid Rs.525,671 million as pay & allowances during the period of overstay. In which 147 employees out of 576 employees were paid Rs.220.412 million as salaries & allowances during the overstay period. Their pension & commutation for the overstay period comes to 155.893 million. Rs.64.519 million will be recovered from them in installments. 429 Ex-employees out of 576 received Rs.305.257 million as salaries & allowances during the overstay period. Their pension and commutation for the overstay period worked out as 494.779 million. After deduction of the paid salaries from the pension (494.779 – 305.237), they will be paid Rs.189.542 million as pension & commutation.

(iii) As per pension rules 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the monthly pension from 147 ex-employees will

be recovered.

- (iv) As far as the retired employees of Kurram is concerned, there were 126 ex-employees, wherein 75 employees who remained in service beyond the prescribed length of service / age, filed a writ petition in the Peshawar High Court, which was decided in their favour and they were granted pension accordingly. The remaining 51 employees also filed writ petition in the PHC and thus the matter is sub-judice in the Peshawar High Court.
- The Finance Division informed the Committee that the SAFRON Division will move a summary for the Prime Minister for placing the case before the Economic Coordination Committee(ECC) for provision/release of funds amounting to Rs. 1,229.576 million as supplementary grant in connection with payment of salaries to Khanssadars of South Waziristan Tribal Districts. The views/comments of the Finance Division on financial proposal will be furnished at the time of initiation of the summary for the ECC by the SAFRON Division. The Secretary M/O SAFRON informed the Committee that the khassadar Force has now been shifted to the Province of Khyber Pakhtan Khwa after issuance of Ordinance and all financial matters will be decided by the Government of Khyber Pakhtankhwa after 30-06-2019.
- 8. The following Members attended the last meeting of the Committee held on 08-04-2019, wherein the Committee decided to dispose off the matter and present report in the House:-
  - (i) Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, Chairman
  - (ii) Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Member
  - (iii) Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman, Member(iv) Senator Najma Hameed, Member
  - (v) Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Special Invitee

(SHAUKAT JAVAID)

Joint Secretary/Secretary Committe

(SENATOR TAJ MUHAMMAD AFRIDI)

Chairman Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions