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SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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ON

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PRESENTED BY:

SENATOR EJAZ AHMED CHAUDHARY

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

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1, Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary, Chairman Standing Committee on Narcotics Control have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report of the Senate Standing Committee on Narcotics Control on Starred Question No. 15 raised by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in the Senate sitting held on 14th July, 2021 regarding number of drugs rehabilitation centers established in the country during last two years along with budgetary allocation" referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

2. Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary	Chairman
3. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
4. Senator Falak Naz	Member
5. Senator Muhammad Ayub	Member
6. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmed	Member
7. Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
8. Senator Atta-ur-Rehman	Member
9. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
10. Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
11. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
12. Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Member
13. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
14. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen	Member
15. Minister for Narcotics Control	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the matter in its meetings held on 1st October, 2021 and 16th November, 2021. The following attended the meeting held on 16th November, 2021 for final consideration of the matter:-



1. Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary	Chairman
2. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
3. Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
4. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar	Member
5. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
6. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Mover

4. During the course of briefings, the Committee deliberated upon the matter in detail and sought views of the Mover and the Ministry of Narcotics Control. The summary of the proceedings of the meetings on the subject matter is provided below.

5. The Ministry of Narcotics Control briefed the Committee that as per a survey conducted by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in 2012, approximately 6.7 million adults use drugs in Pakistan. As per section 52 and 53 of CNSA Act 1997, the responsibility for the registration and rehabilitation of drug addicts falls within the purview of the provincial government. Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) is running four Model Addiction Treatment & Rehabilitation Centers (MATRCs); one in Islamabad and three in Sindh, whereas there is none in Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

6. The Committee was briefed that MATRC Islamabad was established in 2005, comprising of 45 beds. Since 2005 a total of 6652 drug addict patients have been treated till 2021. MATRC Karachi was established in 2010, comprising of 105 beds. A total of 6548 drug addict patients have been treated till date. MATRC Hyderabad was established in 2020, comprising of 50 beds and it has treated 258 drug addict patients till date, whereas, MATRC Sukkur was established in 2018, comprising of 25 beds, and treating 385 patients till August, 2021. PC-I for establishment of a state of the art rehabilitation center in Islamabad has been approved. Senator Shahadat Awan noted that CNS Rules 2001 guide provinces on how to establish these rehabilitation centers. The Chairman Committee expressed that provincial governments should replicate the model approved for Islamabad in their respective provinces. It was further briefed that the total number of treatment facilities in the country is estimated to be up to 170. The treatment ratio in Pakistan is less than 2%, which is even less than Afghanistan, where it is 5%. There are total 1370 employees in these centers, out of which only 55% have




7. proper training. A major hurdle for lack of facilities for addiction treatment is absence of legislation on the matter.

8. The Mover Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi said that in addition to establishment of rehabilitation centers, the suppliers of drugs also need to be captured to curb the menace of drugs. He added that there is serious lack of rehabilitation centers in the country and his own locality *Tangi Tehsil, District Charsadda* in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is also being impacted. He said that private rehabilitation centers are being established and are making profits by torturing drug addicts who if provided right treatment can be rehabilitated. He added that actions need to be taken against these private rehabilitation centers that are working without any license and trained staff.

9. The Committee directed the Ministry to address the issue raised by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi and coordinate with the local police to look into drug and rehabilitation related issues in *Tangi Tehsil, District Charsadda*. On assurance of the Secretary, Ministry of Narcotics Control, the Committee with the consent of the Mover disposed of the matter for onward report to the House.



(ADNAN IBNE ASAD)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR EJAZ AHMED CHAUDHARY)
Chairman Committee

