

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

ON

**THE SUBJECT MATTER OF STARRED QUESTION NO.60 ASKED BY
SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ ON 7TH OCTOBER, 2022 REGARDING THE
ENCROACHMENTS IN ISLAMABAD
(Referred from House)**

PRESENTED BY

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN SSC ON INTERIOR**

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

**SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR
ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF STARRED QUESTION NO.60**

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Interior, have the honor to present report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No.60 asked by myself in the Senate sitting held on 7th October, 2022 regarding the encroachment of markets, roads, green belts and sidewalk tracks in Islamabad and the steps taken by anti-encroachment cell of CDA in this regard. The matter was referred by the House to the SSC Interior for consideration and report.

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

Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani	Member
Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar	Member
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad	Member
Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman	Member
Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
Senator Faisal Subzwari	Member
Senator Fawzia Arshad	Member
Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
<u>Minister for Interior</u>	<u>Ex-Officio Member</u>

3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 17th October, 2022. The meeting was attended by Chairman CDA along with the Member (Admin), Member (Engineering) and the Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad.

4. The Committee was informed that in the past permissions were issued by CDA to various residents of Islamabad having their houses adjacent to Nullahs and open spaces to beautify and landscape the area but regretfully, the people started fencing those areas to bring in their exclusive use. The Committee was told that such permissions have now been cancelled and



all such residents have been informed through a public notice published in the print media to immediately remove these fences. Enforcement Directorate of CDA has already removed a number of such encroachments from sectors G-10 and the operation will extend to entire city.

5. Chairman CDA stated that CDA has conducted following anti-encroachment operations:-

ENCROACHMENTS IN THE MARKETS:-

6. This matter is dealt by the Directorate of Municipal Administration working under the administrative control of Municipal Corporation, Islamabad (MCI)

FENCING OF GREEN AREAS IN VARIOUS RESIDENTIAL SECTORS:-

7. CDA in collaboration with District Administration and ICT Police is vigorously undertaking anti-encroachment operations on regular basis throughout Islamabad in order to curb the illegal constructions in ICT. Continuous operations are being carried out on day to day basis 24/7 for retrieval of state land from land grabbers / encroachers. A Summary of anti-encroachment drive reflecting numerical progress is appended below for ready reference.

S. No	Duration	No of Operations Conducted	No of Illegal Structures Demolished	No of Articles Confiscated	Fines collected (Rs.)
1	Jan-22 to Oct-22	1142	6295	10262	4,082,000/=

SURVEYING OF RESIDENTIAL SECTORS

8. In order to get actual quantum of encroachments by fencing of green areas in various residential sectors of Islamabad, CDA has primarily started an exercise of survey. Initially, survey in Sectors F-7, G-11 and F-10 has been completed. The extent of such type of encroachments is enumerated below:-

Sector F-7 = 72 Nos
Sector F-10 = 148 Nos
Sector G-11 = 87 Nos

This survey will be completed within a week time positively.

STRATEGY/ACTION PLAN

9. Primarily, Public Notice will be published in Print Media within 03 days to inform general public for voluntarily removal of all fixtures and installation from state land. CDA is launching a comprehensive campaign to be commenced from 4th Week of October-2022. The ICT Administration and ICT Police are being taken on board for providing all possible assistance during the entire campaign. Zero tolerance strategy will be focused to clear all public pathways. The operation will be carried out in phase manner to remove all such encroachments.

ESSENCE OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS

10. CDA had earlier started a campaign to remove such encroachments and demolished 540 structures from April-2021 till Nov-2021. In addition to above, 111 structures outside plot line have also been demolished from March-Oct, 2022 in the following areas:-

F-7/4	=	12
F-11/4	=	01
G-11/3	=	06
G-11/2	=	22
G-9/4	=	06
F-7/4	=	12
Humak	=	38
I-8/2	=	14

ANTI-ENCROACHMENT OPERATIONS IN OTHER AREAS

11. The anti encroachment operations have been carried out against the land grabbers in following prominent areas of the Federal Capital:-

- 1) The land of Sub. Sectors E-12 was forcibly vacated and handed over to Sector Development Directorate.
- 2) New illegal constructions in Saidpur Model Village, Jaba Teli, Sinyari/Chontra, were demolished.
- 3) Adverse possession of land near Sangjani Water Reservoir was cleared and demolished illegal structures thereon.
- 4) Illegal constructions in Shah Allah Ditta were demolished and retrieved about 21 kanals land from land grabbers.
- 5) ROW of GT Road Tarnol near 26 No Chongi - 93 illegal structures were demolished.

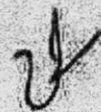
- 6) ROW of Lehtir Road - 193 illegal structures were dismantled with the help of heavy machinery.
- 7) Model Town Humak - 67 structures / fixtures outside plot line were demolished
- 8) ROW of Kuri Road - 82 encroached structures outside plot line were demolished.

12. The Committee was of the view that the encroachments from the commercial sectors of Islamabad needs to be taken care of as such encroachments causes hindrance to the daily market visitors. However, the Committee was of the view that actions should be started from the rich and powerful encroachers instead of poor hawkers. The Committee members were of the view that poor hawkers should be removed from the commercial areas after making their alternate arrangements for doing business.

13. Chairman CDA was of view that encroachment is encroachment in any form and by any one rich or poor. He stated that as per his experience he can say that making of arrangements of alternate places for the hawkers will not serve any purpose as once we relocate such hawkers in dedicated areas, new hawkers will occupy the vacant places. He was of the view that encroachments needs to be dealt with iron hands but unfortunately whenever administration take strict action, a hue and cry is created from some segments of society and an impression is given that administration is doing some sort of injustice.

14. The Committee directed the Chairman CDA to start action from the upwards and then remove every sort of encroachment in the city so that Islamabad which is Capital city of Pakistan may have an ideal outlook. The Members also drew attention of the Chairman CDA towards some commercial activities going on in residential sectors E-11 and E-7 like student hostels, visa centers etc.

15. Chairman CDA categorically stated that most of the Universities in Islamabad are not having their hostels to accommodate the students coming from various parts of the country so taking of action against such hostels is not as simple task as it seems, however, he assured that he will issue notices to the operators of such commercial activities and will make a gradual effort to resolve this issue. Chairman CDA further drew attention of the Committee towards the ambiguity of responsibilities amongst the CDA, MCI and ICT Administration which also causes delays and problems in removing encroachments. He was of the view that he is making his best efforts to clearly define the responsibility of each department for effective disposal of responsibilities.



16. Chairman CDA assured the Committee that he will take concrete steps in removing encroachments from the city and result will be visible within a period of 15 days. The Committee expressed satisfaction over the briefing by Chairman CDA and reiterated that this issue needs to be dealt with urgently as it is emerging into a menace in the city. The Committee disposed of the matter and also gave approval of presentation of report of the Committee to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.



(MUHAMMAD AZAM)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ)
Chairman Committee