

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
INFORMATION & BROADCASTING**

**ON 'POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY THE SENATOR KAMRAN MURTAZA
REGARDING "CONKED OUT RADIO TRANSMITTER IN ZOHB
AND ALLEGED SALE OF RADIO STATION LAND"**

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PRESENTED BY

SENATOR FAISAL JAVED

CHAIRMAN, SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Information & Broadcasting, have the honour to present this report on the Point of Public Importance raised by the Senator Kamran Murtaza regarding "Conked out radio transmitter in Zohb and alleged sale of radio station land" referred by the House on 18th January, 2022 for consideration and report.

2. The composition of Standing Committee is as follows:-

1. Senator Faisal Javed	Chairman
2. Senator Aon Abbas	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Fesal Vawda	Member
4. Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
5. Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member
6. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar	Member
7. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
8. Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
9. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
10. Senator Irfan ul Haque Siddiqui	Member
11. Senator Kamran Michael	Member
12. Senator Umer Farooq	Member
13. Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member

3. The Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting considered the Bill in its meeting held on 14th March, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Senator Faisal Javed. The following Honorable Senators were present at the time of consideration of the Bill:-

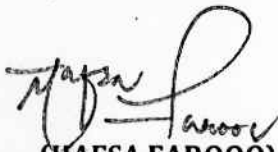
1. Senator Faisal Javed	Chairman
2. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
3. Senator Anwar Lal Dean	Member
4. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Member
5. Senator Irfan ul Haq Siddiqui	Member
6. Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
7. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Mover

4. Committee discussed the Point of Public Importance and invited mover to explain his point of view. Committee was apprised by Senator Murtaza informed that a trainmaster installed in Zhob District in Balochistan, occupying around 22 Acre of land has been conked out. Instead of repairing, it has been shut down and class IV staff whom used to operate the transmitter has been transferred to far flung areas of interior Sindh and Punjab, which has become a leading cause of financial struggle for such low grade employees. He emphasized that land of Radio Pakistan should not be occupied by any other party and must be used solely for the allocated purpose. Senator demanded that forced takeover of the land of Radio Transmitter be avoided and repairing work be started on immediate basis along-with the taking care of transfers of low grade staffs to the far flung areas.

7. Ministry of Information & Broadcasting briefed the Committee that in 2014 the said transmitter, along with many others, was shut down on account of completing its life span of 15 years and non-availability of outdated equipment / spare parts. The said transmitter was not replaced as a new transmitter at the distance of one hundred kilometers in D.I. Khan was installed which was covering the Zhob area as well. The land has not been used for any other purpose and no forced takeover has been carried out neither any proposal of sale or handing over the land to third party is under consideration. Further, a PC-I is under consideration to reinstall the transmitter in Zhob District.

8. With regard to transfers of staff, it was informed that since the station was closed so the employees were transferred to nearby stations and were also given a chance to suggest the relocating positions. Chairman Committee demanded that list of employees of Zhob Radio Station be presented before the Committee along with the details of their posting transfers and choice of stations they opted for. Further, the Ministry was directed to submit an assurance that land of Zhob Radio Station shall not be utilized for any other purpose and that the reinstallation of trainmaster at Zhob be carried out on immediate basis.

9. Committee unanimously decided to dispose-of the matter and present a report in the House the Point of Public Importance raised by the Senator Kamran Murtaza regarding "Conked out radio transmitter in Zohb and alleged sale of radio station land" referred by the House on 18th January, 2022.


(HAFSA FAROOQ)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR FAISAL JAVED)
Chairman Committee