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PART III

**Other Notifications, Orders, etc.**

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

*Islamabad, the 30th July, 2020*

**No. F. 24(34)/2019-Legis.**—Pursuant of sub-rule (4) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the report of the Senate Standing Committee on Communications presented to the Senate on 29th July, 2020, is published for information:—

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS**

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Communications, have the honour to present the report on “The National Highways Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2020 introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in the Senate, in its sitting held on 06-01-2020, referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Communications for consideration and report thereof.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Communications is as under:—

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i.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	<i>Chairman</i>
ii.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	<i>Member</i>
iii.	Senator Ahmed Khan	<i>Member</i>
iv.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	<i>Member</i>
v.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	<i>Member</i>
vi.	Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani	<i>Member</i>
vii.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	<i>Member</i>
viii.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	<i>Member</i>
ix.	Senator Fida Muhammad	<i>Member</i>
x.	Senator Gianchand	<i>Member</i>
xi.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	<i>Member</i>
xii.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	<i>Member</i>
xiii.	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	<i>Member</i>

3. The Committee disposed off the matter in its meeting held on 03-03-2020 and allowed to submit the report to the House. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

i.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	<i>Chairman</i>
ii.	Senator Ahmed Khan	<i>Member</i>
iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	<i>Member</i>
iv.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	<i>Member</i>
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vi.	Senator Gianchand	<i>Member</i>
vii.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	<i>Member</i>
viii.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	<i>Member</i>
ix.	Senator Babramand Khan Tangi	<i>Member/Mover</i>
x.	Senator Sassui Palijo	<i>Mover</i>

#### SUMMARY

4. The proposed legislation was discussed in detail. The Mover briefed that the purpose of the amendment bill to strengthening the traffic rules as in the past there are minor penalties of few hundred rupees which are unable to create deterrence and people willfully violate the traffic rules. He added that enhancement in penalties would create deterrence in motorists tightening the noose around the motorists who dare to flout traffic rules. He further stated that this will not only reduce the traffic offences but also mitigate the harms associated and bring more revenue to the national exchequer. He explained that increase in traffic violations cause slow traffic, blockage of roads, and accidents and also social and economic harms are associated with traffic offences.

5. The Standing Committee agreed with the arguments of the Mover but differed with the Mover on some clauses and proposed amendments to those clauses.

6. While considering the bill, clause by clause, the Committee recommended following amendments to the Clauses of the Bill as introduced in the Senate:

#### CLAUSE 2

- (i) In clause 2, in the proposed amendment in sub-section (1) of section 65 of the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000), for the words “two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees” the words “**six months** or with fine which may extend to **ten thousand rupees**” shall be substituted.

#### CLAUSE 7

- (ii) In clause 7, in the proposed amendment in section 72 of the Ordinance, for the words “five months” the words “one month” shall be substituted and after the words “five thousand rupees” the words “**with suspension of driving license for three months**” shall be inserted.

#### CLAUSES 8,9 &10

- (iii) Clause 8, 9 and 10 of the Bill regarding amendments in clauses 73, 74 and 75 of the Ordinances, shall be omitted and subsequent clauses shall be re-numbered accordingly.

#### CLAUSE-11

- (iv) In clause 11, in paragraph (c), in the proposed amendment in sub-section (4) of section 76 of the Ordinance, after the words “ten thousand rupees” the words “**with cancellation of License for three months**” shall be inserted.

#### CLAUSE 12

- (v) In clause 12, in the proposed amendment in section 77 of the Ordinance, for the words “two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to twenty-five thousand rupees” the words “**six months** or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to **ten thousand rupees**” shall be substituted.

#### CLAUSE 15

- (vi) In clause 15, regarding amendments in the tenth schedule of the Ordinance,—

- (a) In paragraph (b), for the proposed words “two years” the words “**six months**” shall be substituted;
- (b) In paragraph (c), after the proposed words “two years” the words “**with cancellation of License and bar on License for five years**” shall be inserted;
- (c) In paragraph (d), after the proposed words “five months” the words “**with suspension of License for six months, if in possession**” shall be inserted;
- (d) In paragraph (e), for the proposed figures “5000-10000” the phrase “**Motorcycle Rs. 5000 – 10,000, Car/LTV Rs. 10,000 – 20, 000, HTV/PSV Rs. 20,000 – 30,000, respectively with suspension of Driving License for six months**” shall be substituted;
- (e) In paragraph (f), for the proposed figures “3750-7500” the phrase “**Motorcycle Rs. 1500-3000, Car/LTV Rs. 2500-5000, PSV Rs. 10,000 –15,000, HTV Rs. 5000 –10,000**” shall be substituted.

#### CLAUSE 16

- (vii) Clause 16 of the Bill regarding amendments in twelfth schedule, shall be omitted.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

7. With the above mentioned amendments, the Bill was approved by the Committee. The Committee recommended that “the National Highways Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2020” as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of the Report in the House.

8. The Bill as introduced in the Senate is attached as Annexure ‘A’ whereas the Bill reported by the Committee is attached as Annexure ‘B’.

Sd/-  
ISHTIAQ AHMED,  
*Secretary Committee.*

Sd/-  
SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH,  
*Chairman.*

(Annexure-A)

[AS INTRODUECED IN THE SENATE]

A

BILL

*further to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000) for the purposes hereinafter appearing, and for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the National Highways Safety (Amendment) Act, 2020.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 65, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 (XL of 2000), hereinafter referred to as the said Ordinance, in section 65, in sub-section (1), for the words “six months or with fine which may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “two years or with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of section 67, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 67, for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

4. **Amendment of section 68, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 68, in sub-section (1), for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than twenty five thousand rupees and may extend to fifty thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

5. **Amendment of section 69, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 69, in sub-section (1), for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

6. **Amendment of section 70, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 70, for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

7. **Amendment of section 72, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 72, for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

8. **Amendment of section 73, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 73, for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

9. **Amendment of section 74, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 74, for the words “six month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “two years or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

10. **Amendment of section 75, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 75, for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to twenty five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

11. **Amendment of section 76, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 76,—

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words “six months or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words “two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words “five hundred rupees”, the words “two thousand five hundred rupees” shall be substituted; and
- (c) in sub-section (4), for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall

not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

12. **Amendment of section 77, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 77, for the words “six months or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words “two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to twenty five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

13. **Amendment of section 78, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 78, for the words “not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

14. **Amendment of section 80, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 80, for the words “with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and if having been previously convicted of such an offence, for every such subsequent offence to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “with fine which may extend to two thousand five hundred rupees, and if having been previously convicted of such an offence, for every such subsequent offence to a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

15. **Amendment of tenth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in the tenth schedule,—

- (a) In the first column, against Sl. No. 2, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “500-1000” the figures “2500-5000” and for the words “six months” the words “two years” shall be substituted, respectively.
- (b) In the first column, against Sl. No. 3, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “500-1000” the figures “2500-5000” and for the words “six months” the words “two years” shall be substituted, respectively.
- (c) In the first column, against Sl. No. 11, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “1000-3000” the figures “5000-10000” and for the words “six months” the words “two years” shall be substituted, respectively.
- (d) In the first column, against Sl. No. 12, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “500-1000” the figures “2500-5000” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.

- (e) In the first column, against Sl. No. 13, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “1000-2000” the figures “5000-10000” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.
- (f) In the first column, against Sl. No. 15, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “750-1500” the figures “3750-7500” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.
- (g) In the first column, against Sl. No. 18, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “5000-10000” the figures 25000-50000” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.
- (h) In the first column, against Sl. No. 19, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “500-1000” the figures “2500-5000” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.

16. **Amendment of twelfth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in the twelfth schedule,—

- (a) In the first column, against Sl. No. 1, in the 3rd column for the figure “750” the figure “3750” shall be substituted.
- (b) In the first column, against Sl. No. 31, in the 3rd column for the figure “750” the figure “3750” shall be substituted.

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#### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Vienna Convention on Road Traffic 1968 provides rules on all aspects of international road traffic and safety, and serves as a reference for national legislation. There are seventy eight signatories of convention, including Pakistan. It describes all road user behaviour, such as what drivers and pedestrians must do at crossings and inter-sections. It encourages safe road user behaviour. The rapidly growing numbers of vehicles and road users and increased trade, globalization and urbanization, coupled with staggering global road traffic injury rates underline the critical need to actively promote road safety everywhere. Never before have sustainable transport, mobility and development been so intertwined and inter-dependent. Sustainability must go hand-in-hand with safety, which is dependent on implementing internationally agreed norms and harmonizing the world’s response; building a culture of safety on all levels



and across all borders, with increased political will and governance at the core. Increase in traffic violations cause slow traffic, blockage of roads, and accidents. Social and economic harms are associated with traffic offences. The cost of accidents is enormous and its burden on the health system and families is huge. The national exchequer is also suffering lot in dealing with repercussions of the accidents. There are minor penalties of few hundred rupees which are unable to create deterrence and people wilfully violate the traffic rules. Enhancement in penalties would create deterrence in motorists tightening the noose around the motorists who dare to flout traffic rules. This will not only reduce the traffic offences but also mitigate the harms associated. Moreover it would also enhance revenue.

SENATOR BAHRAMAND KHAN TANGI,  
*Member-in-Charge.*

**(Annexure-B)**

[AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE]

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5. **Amendment of section 69, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 69, in sub-section (1), for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “five months or with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

6. **Amendment of section 70, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 70, for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

7. **Amendment of section 72, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 72, for the words “with fine which shall not be less than five hundred rupees and may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “with fine which shall not be less than two thousand five hundred rupees and may extend to five thousand rupees **with suspension of driving license for three months**” shall be substituted.

8. **Amendment of section 76, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 76,—

- (a) in sub-section (1), for the words “six months or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words “two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten thousand rupees” shall be substituted;
- (b) in sub-section (3), for the words “five hundred rupees”, the words “two thousand five hundred rupees” shall be substituted; and
- (c) in sub-section (4), for the words “one month or with fine which shall not be less than one thousand rupees and may extend to two thousand rupees”, the words five months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to ten

thousand rupees **with cancellation of License for three months** shall be substituted.

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11. **Amendment of section 80, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in section 80, for the words “with fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, and if having been previously convicted of such an offence, for every such subsequent offence to a fine which may extend to one thousand rupees”, the words “with fine which may extend to two thousand five hundred rupees, and if having been previously convicted of such an offence, for every such subsequent offence to a fine which may extend to five thousand rupees” shall be substituted.

12. **Amendment of tenth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000.**—In the said Ordinance, in the tenth schedule,—

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- (c) In the first column, against Sl. No. 11, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “1000-3000” the figures “5000-10000” and for the words “six months” the words “two years **with cancellation of License and bar on License for five years**” shall be substituted, respectively;
- (d) In the first column, against Sl. No. 12, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “500-1000” the figures “2500-5000” and for the words “one month” the words “five months **with suspension of License for six months, if in possession**” shall be substituted, respectively;

- (e) In the first column, against Sl. No. 13, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “1000-2000” the phrase “**Motorcycle Rs. 5000 - 10,000, Car/LTV Rs. 10,000 - 20, 000, HTV/PSV Rs. 20,000 - 30,000, respectively with suspension of Driving License for six months**” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively;
- (f) In the first column, against Sl. No. 15, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “750-1500” the phrase “**Motorcycle Rs. 1500-3000, Car/LTV Rs. 2500-5000, PSV Rs. 10,000 - 15,000, HTV Rs. 5000 - 10,000**” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.”
- (g) In the first column, against Sl. No. 18, in 3rd and 4th columns for the figures “5000-10000” the figures “25000-50000” and for the words “one month” the words “five months” shall be substituted, respectively.
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Increase in traffic violations cause slow traffic, blockage of roads, and accidents. Social and economic harms are associated with traffic offences. The cost of accidents is enormous and its burden on the health system and families is huge. The national exchequer is also suffering lot in dealing with repercussions

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SUBJECT:—**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS HELD ON 03RD MARCH, 2020**

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Communications was held on Tuesday, the 03rd March, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman of the Committee.

2. The Agenda before the Committee would be as under:—

**Business referred by the House**

- (i) Consideration of Bill titled “The National Highway Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in the Senate, in its sitting held on 06-01-2020 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report. [Committee is required to submit its report to the House by 06-03-2020].
- (ii) Consideration of Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Sassui Palijo in the Senate on 06-01-2020 regarding “alleged objections by the NHA on the gas sector schemes pertaining to her constituency (PS-85) of the period when she was member of the Cabinet of Government of Sindh (2002-07 & 2008-13). [Committee is required to submit its report to the House by 06-03-2020].

**Committee Business**

- (i) Details of Engineering/Technical staff posted in projects/maintenance in Balochistan and route-wise briefing regarding General Managers, NHA posted in Balochistan along-with their staff.
- (ii) Payment of outstanding dues of Rs. 2,000,000/- in respect of Late Muhammad Tahir, Ex-Porter MST. “Q” Division, Pakistan post Office,

Quetta under the Family Assistance Package of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Government Servants, who die in service.

(iii) Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:

i.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	<i>Chairman</i>
ii.	Senator Ahmed Khan	<i>Member</i>
iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	<i>Member</i>
iv.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	<i>Member</i>
v.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	<i>Member</i>
vi.	Senator Fida Muhammad	<i>Member</i>
vii.	Senator Gianchand	<i>Member</i>
viii.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	<i>Member</i>
ix.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	<i>Member</i>
x.	Senator Sassui Palijo	<i>Mover</i>

List of other participants of the meeting is annexed.

4. The meeting of Senate Standing Committee on Communications started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi. Thereafter, the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Hidayat Ullah welcomed the participants of the Committee, after that the discussion started on the agenda items.

(ii) **Item No. ii.**—Consideration of Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Sassui Palijo in the Senate on 06-01-2020 regarding “alleged objections by the NHA on the gas sector schemes pertaining to her constituency (PS-85) of the period when she was member of the Cabinet of Government of Sindh (2002-07 & 2008-13). [Committee is required to submit its report to the House by 06-03-2020].

5. The Mover, Senator Sassui Palijo explained before the Committee that the said gas scheme is pending with the NHA since 2010-11. She further stated that this gas scheme situated at the National Highway from Gharo – Keti Bunder (N-110) comprising on 12 KM distance from Sakro City.

6. The Chairman, NHA explained that the NHA has already issued Letter of acceptance (LOA) but there was pending certain amounts, which has to be paid in order to execute the work. He further stated that the NHA Team will visit the site to ascertain the factual position on the grounds and then submit the same before the Committee.

- (i) **Item No. i.**—Consideration of Bill titled “The National Highway Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in the Senate, in its sitting held on 06-01-2020 and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report. [Committee is required to submit its report to the House by 06-03-2020].

7. The Committee thoroughly deliberated on a House referred matter regarding “The National Highway Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in the Senate, in its sitting held on 06-01-2020. The Committee passed the Bill with amendments in some clauses of the Bill. The Committee suggested amendments in Section 76, Ordinance XL of 2000 in sub-section (4) of Section 11(c) of the Bill and inserted the **phrase, “with cancellation of License”** after the words ten thousand rupees. The Committee also proposed amendments in amended Section 77, Ordinance XL of 2000 in section (12) for the words “two years or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand rupees and may extend to twenty five thousand rupees” the words **“six months or with fine which shall not be less than five thousand and may extend to ten thousand”** shall be substituted. The Committee also suggested amendments in Amended tenth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000 in Section 15 (c) in Sl. No. 11, in 3rd and 4th columns of the Bill and inserted the phrase, **“with cancellation of License and bar on license for five years”** after the words “two years” and in Section 15 (d) in Sl. No. 12, in 3rd and 4th columns and inserted the phrase, **“Suspension of license for six months, if in possession”**. The Committee also suggested amendments in Amended tenth schedule, Ordinance XL of 2000 in Section 15 (e) in Sl. No. 13, of the Bill for the figures, “5000-10000” may be substituted with **“Motorcycle Rs. 5000 – 10,000, Car/LTV Rs. 10,000 – 20, 000, HTV/PSV Rs. 20,000 – 30,000, respectively with suspension of Driving license for six months”** and in Section 15 (f) in Sl. No. 15, in 3rd and 4th Columns for the figures “3750-7500” may be substituted with **“Motorcycle Rs. 1500-3000, Car/LTV Rs. 2500-5000, PSV Rs. 10,000–15,000, HTV Rs. 5000 –10,000.**

#### Committee Business

- (iii) Details of Engineering/Technical staff posted in projects/maintenance in Balochistan and route-wise briefing regarding General Managers, NHA posted in Balochistan alongwith their staff.

8. The Committee deferred the above agenda item and decided to discuss the same in the next Committee meetings.

- (iv) Payment of outstanding dues of Rs. 2,000,000/- in respect of Late Muhammad Tahir, Ex-Porter MST. “Q” Division, Pakistan post Office, Quetta under the Family Assistance Package of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Government Servants, who die in service.

9. Mr. Akhlaq Rana, Director General, Pakistan Post briefed the Committee that the case of Late Muhammad Tahir, Ex-Porter was initiated with the M/o Finance for release of payment under the Family Assistance Package of the Prime Minister of Pakistan for Government Servants, who die in service, the same would be paid to the deceased family as soon as the Finance Division release the amount.

**Decisions/Recommendations of the Committee:**

1. The Committee passed a House referred Bill regarding “The National Highway Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2019 introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi in the Senate, in its sitting held on 06-01-2020.
2. The Committee recommended that Pakistan Post should pay the amount of Family Assistance package to all the deceased families at the earliest possible and also recommended that Finance Division should expedite the release of payment.
9. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

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*Secretary Committee.*

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SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH,  
*Chairman*  
*Standing Committee on Communications.*

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Dr. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS,  
*Secretary.*