














**Senate Standing Committee on Commerce & Textile Industry \***

**1. Composition of the Committee:**

1	<b>Senator Syed Shibli Faraz</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	
2	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member	
3	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member	
4	Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja	Member	
5	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member	
6	Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member	
7	Senator Saud Majeed	Member	
8	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member	
9	Senator Rahila Magsi	Member	
10	Senator Saleem Mandviwala	Member	
11	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member	
12	Senator Haji Saifullah Khan Bangash	Member	
13	Ms. Iffat Mustafa, Director, Senate Secretariat	Secretary Committee	

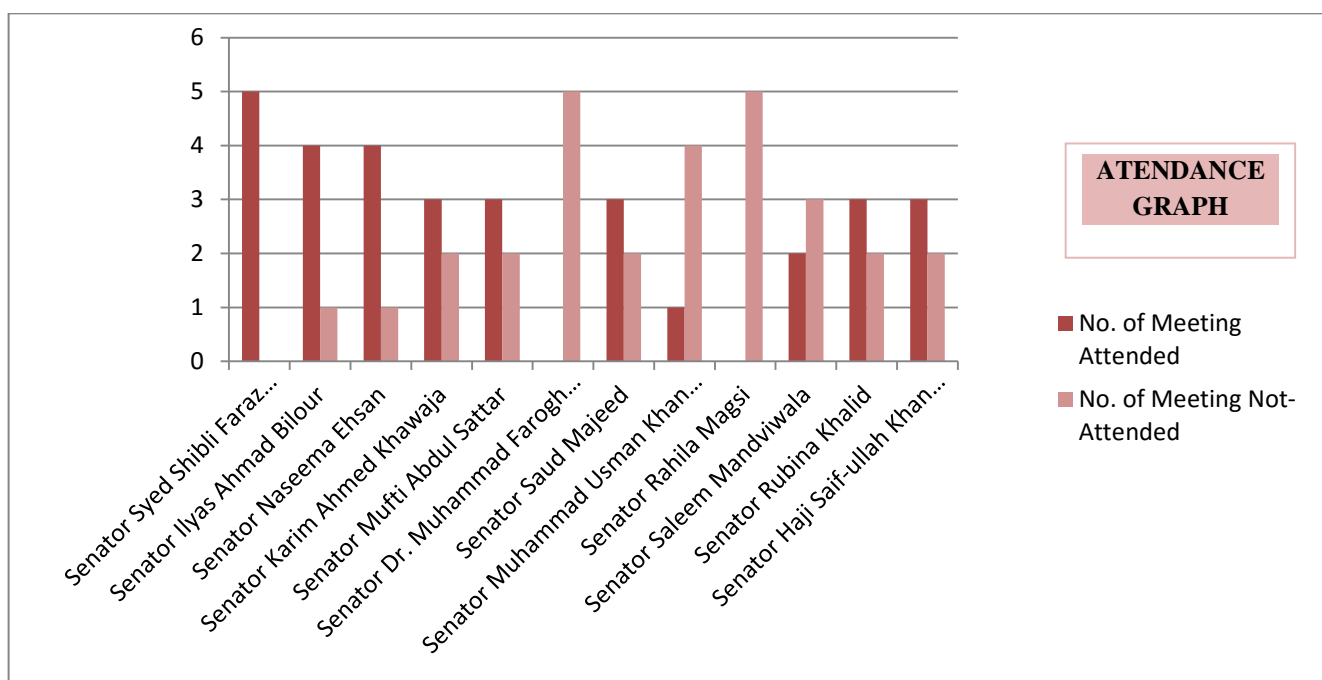
**2. Sittings of the Committee:**

<b><u>February</u> 2017 (No Sitting)</b>	<b><u>March</u> 2017 (02 Sittings)</b>	<b><u>April</u> 2017 (01 Sitting)</b>	<b><u>May</u> 2017 (01 Sitting)</b>	<b><u>June</u> 2017 (No Sitting)</b>	<b><u>July</u> 2017 (01 Sitting)</b>	<b><u>August</u> 2017 (No Sitting)</b>
Nil	1) 21-03-2017 2) 22-03-2017	1) 26-04-2017	1) 04-05-2017	Nil	1) 27-07-2017	Nil
<b>Total number of meetings held during the period = 05</b>						

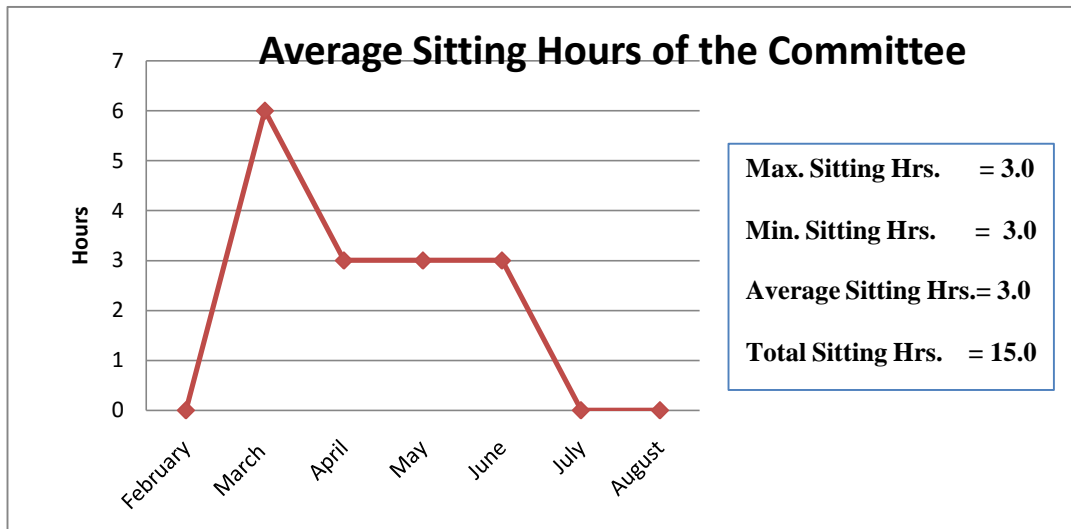
\* The committee worked as Senate Standing Committee on Commerce till 11-08-2017

**3. Attendance of Chairman/Members in (05) meetings held during the period:**

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Not-Attended	Number of Meetings in which Leave was sought
1.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz (Chairman)	05	00	-
2.	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	04	01	-
3.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	04	01	-
4.	Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja	03	02	-
5.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	03	02	-
6.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	00	05	-
7.	Senator Saud Majeed	03	02	-
8.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	01	04	04
9.	Senator Rahila Magsi	00	05	-
10.	Senator Saleem Mandviwala	02	03	-
11.	Senator Rubina Khalid	03	02	-
12.	Senator Haji Saif-ullah Khan Bangash	03	02	-



**4. Sitting hours of the Committee:**



**5. Visits of the Committee during the Period:**

Sl. No.	Place of Visit	Purpose of Visit [Public Hearing/ Study/ Progress]	Dates of Visit
	No visit was conducted by the Committee during the period.		

**6. Matters referred by the House or the Chairman (including pending issues):**

Sl. No.	Referred Matters	Referred Date
	No matter was referred by the House or the Chairman during the period.	

**7. Public Petitions Referred and Disposed:**

Sl. No.	Number/ Subject of Public Petition	Date of Referral	Status of Petition	
			Disposed	Pending/ under Consideration
	No public petition was referred to the Committee during the period.			

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## **8. Agenda Items of the Meetings:**

### **1) Meeting held on 21-03-2017:**

- i. Follow up of the meeting of the Standing Committee on Commerce on held on 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February, and 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- ii. Exploring the investment potential of those people who left Pakistan after partition.
- iii. Discussion on the reasons of worsening trade performance, focusing on structural issues and finalizing the remedial proposal in presence of Pakistan Business Council.

### **2) Meeting held on 22-03-2017:**

- i. Discussion on the issues and future plans of Women Chambers of Commerce to enhance their functionality and contribution in development of the country.
- ii. Continuing the discussion on the reason of worsening trade performance focusing on structural issues and finalizing the remedial proposal in presence of Pakistan Business Council.

### **3) Meeting held on 26-04-2017:**

- i. Briefing by Ministry of Commerce on all FTA's operational/finalized, under consideration and to be considered.
- ii. Detailed briefing on budgetary allocations and its utilization (FY 2016-2017) of the Ministry of Commerce and its attached departments, under each head of account, as given in the Budget Book along with a comparison with the previous budgets.

### **4) Meeting held on 04-05-2017:**

- i. Discussion on the current status, working and performance of State Life Insurance Corporation (SLIC).
- ii. Briefing on the issue arrested regional manager State Life Insurance Corporation (SLIC) following embezzlement case of 106 Million rupees from national treasure.
- iii. Discussion on status, working and performance National Insurance Company Ltd. (NICL).

### **5) Meeting held on 27-07-2017:**

- i. Briefing on deteriorating balance of trade by Ministry of Commerce.

## **9. Important Recommendations of the Committee:**

### **1) Meeting held on 21-03-2017:**

The Chairman Committee:

- i. Directed the Ministry of Commerce to, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Board of Investment (BOI) to hold a conference in Islamabad to attract investment from people who had left Pakistan after partition.
- ii. Recommended that all FTA's should be subject to parliamentary oversight and review before being signed and enforced.

- iii. Directed the Ministry of Commerce to focus on product diversification, market diversification, branding and packaging of Pakistani goods.
- iv. Directed, that the export target for Dates be increased to \$ 150 million.
- v. Directed the Ministry to provide the Committee a detailed briefing on the CPEC, amending TDAP Act in the context of how it would help Pakistan's exports.
- vi. IPO should brief in a future meeting on the Role of IPO in enhancing the exports of the country.
- vii. Ministry of Commerce should explain that why STPF 2012-15 and 2015-18 have been partially implemented.
- viii. Ministry of Commerce should explain that why Exim Bank is still not operational. The Chairman Committee also recommended that membership of BOD should be based on diversification rather than having only bureaucrats.

**2) Meeting held on 22-03-2017:**

- i. The Chairman Committee decided to constitute a sub-committee consisting of Senators Usman Khan Kakar and Ilyas Bilour as member, and Senator Mrs. Rubina Khalid as the convener. The Chairman directed all women chambers to submit 10 recommendations each for improvement in the working of women chambers in Pakistan. The sub-committee would peruse these recommendations, and finalized recommendations from these would be reported to the Committee on Commerce. The Chairman further directed that the sub-committee might look into the possibility of categorizing all women chambers into appropriate categories according to their development stage, resources, and outreach.

**3) Meeting held on 26-04-2017:**

The Chairman Committee:

- i. Recommended that the Ministry, in collaboration with the private sector, make arrangements for improved branding and packaging of food items.
- ii. Directed that a pilot project for processing of dates and other food items be set up in backward areas such as Sindh and Balochistan.
- iii. Directed the Ministry to submit a status report on the EXIM Bank to the Committee in October 2017.
- iv. Directed TDAP to review its distribution of work, and distribution should be based on area wise products specialization instead of only province wise distribution.
- v. Directed TDAP and the Ministry to conduct a legal review and propose amendments in the TDAP Act with a view to make it more efficient, and provide the same to the Committee by June 2017.
- vi. Directed that complete details of all foreign visits and incoming delegations by the Ministry be provided to the Committee, along with details of the outcomes and achievement of said visits/delegations.
- vii. Directed the Ministry to brief the Committee regarding the pharmaceutical sector in Pakistan.
- viii. Recommended that a comprehensive policy on increasing exports of food items with timeline and budget be provided to the Committee.
- ix. Directed the Ministry to provide the Committee with a projection of impacts of SEZ's on existing industry.
- x. Directed the Secretary Committee to acquire information regarding the role of BOI in finalizing SEZ's, from BOI and include the same as Agenda item of future meeting.

#### 4) **Meeting held on 04-05-2017:**

- The Chairman Committee:
- i. Directed that a strategy for improving accounting and IT structures be provided to the Committee in its next meeting.
  - ii. Recommended that an Insurance training institute or academy should be developed for training and developing specialized Insurance human resource and best international practices should be adopted. Furthermore, provincial quotas should be maintained while hiring human resources.
  - iii. Directed SLIC to take action against the illegal use of the name of SLIC for a housing scheme in Lahore.
  - iv. Directed SLIC to provide an update on the progress of the construction of the SLIC tower, and the up gradation of the façade of the existing SLIC building in Islamabad.
  - v. The Chairman Committee directed that a report on NICL's strategy to depart from captive cliental and how to attract new business, along with the audit reports be shared with the Committee within 60 working days.
  - vi. The Chairman Committee directed the Ministry and NICL to send a brief on the scam, update regarding its investigations, the name of the members of the board of NICL present during the scam, and the names of the members of the audit committee at the time of the scam to the Committee.
  - vii. Recommended that initiatives for rebranding and image building of NICL should be developed and shared with the Committee.

#### 5) **Meeting held on 27-07-2017:**

- The Chairman Committee
- i. Confirmed the board membership of the Senator Sitara Ayyaz for PIFD(Pakistan Institute of Fashion and Design)
  - ii. Reconstituted the Sub-committee of Senate standing committee of commerce for women chamber of commerce with same membership and TOR's as earlier which would submit its report within 60 days.
  - iii. Recommended that Ministry of Commerce should launch e-commerce concept across the country to meet the challenges posed by the 4<sup>th</sup> industrial revolution in context of trade paradigm.
  - iv. Recommended that to regulate the import of specific cotton from neighboring country, concerned Ministry should come up with specialized research analysis units for assessment of need and consumption.

### 10. **Sub-Committee Meetings:**

Sl. No.	Details of Sub-Committee / Meetings held during the period	
1.	<b>Date of Formation of the Sub-Committee with Composition:</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 2017 1) Senator Rubina Khalid Convener 2) Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar Member

		3) Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour Member
2.	<b>TORs /Agenda of the Sub-Committee:</b>	“To peruse and finalize the recommendation for improvement in the working of women Chambers of Pakistan.
3.	<b>Dates of Meetings held:</b>	1) 09-05-2017 2) 20-06-2017
4.	<b>Attendance of the Members:</b>	<u><b>09-05-2017</b></u> Senator Rubina Khalid Convener <u><b>20-06-2017</b></u> Senator Rubina Khalid Convener Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar Member
5.	<b>Important Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee:</b>	<p><b>1) Meeting held on 09-05-2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Recommended that each women Chamber should patron 10-20 vocational training centers in their respective regions as part of their corporate social responsibility (CSR).</li> <li>ii. Recommended that a meeting of the leadership of all Women Chambers of Pakistan with the Chinese Ambassador be arranged.</li> <li>iii. Directed that Ministry of Commerce and TDAP to arrange a two day seminar on procedure and documentation to build capacity of women Chambers with the facility of overnight stay for the participants.</li> </ul> <p><b>2) Meeting held on 20-06-2017</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Liaison between commercial counselors and women chambers should be created and strengthened.</li> <li>ii. Invitation for all visits and delegations taken abroad by the TDAP and Ministry of Commerce be communicated to all registered women chambers through TDAP.</li> <li>iii. Each women chamber should patron 20 vocational training centers in their respective regions as part of their corporate social responsibilities (CSR).</li> <li>iv. A meeting of leadership of all women Chambers of Pakistan with the Chinese Ambassador be arranged.</li> <li>v. Success stories of small and medium</li> </ul>

		<p>business must be collected and published, as they can serve as case studies and motivation for other businesses.</p> <p>vi. All women Chambers be provide amenity plots while objective criteria for allocation of plot/land may be finalized by the committee by taking into consideration the progress/growth of the chambers.</p> <p>vii. TDAP arrange seminars on procedure and documentation to build capacity of women chambers. TDAP has already started working on this proposal.</p> <p>viii. Sub-committee should visit Chief Ministers of respective provinces to request for their patronage.</p> <p>ix. Transgender must get a chance to enter in main stream being chamber members. Male Chambers must be contacted in this manner.</p> <p>x. Standing Committee on Commerce should request Prime Minister for allocation of funds for women chambers.</p> <p>xi. A report may be submitted to the committee regarding the number of tax filers in chamber members.</p> <p>xii. Tenure for chamber president should not be less than two years.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Date of completion of tenure of the Sub-Committee:</b>	1) 01-07-2017
	<b>Date of Submission of report to the Standing Committee:</b>	Meeting still in process
<b>8.</b>	<b>Report of the Sub-Committee, if presented, in the House as Special Report of the main Committee (if so, the date of presentation.</b>	-



9.	Matters referred to the Sub-Committee	-
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**11. Recommendations of the Committee requiring statement by the Minister in the House under rule 265(A) of the RPCBS, 2012:**

Sl. No.	Name of the Report	Recommendations	Reported Date
		Nil	

**12. Reports tabled in the House:**

Sl. No	Adopted Matters	Adopted Date
	No report was tabled in the House during the period.	

**13. Reports adopted by the House:**

Sl. No	Reported Matters	Reported Date
	No report was adopted by the House during the period.	