












## Senate Standing Committee on Communications\*

1. Composition of the Committee:

1	<b>Senator Advocate Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	
2	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman Senate	Member	
3	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member	
4	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member	
5	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif*	Member	
6	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member	
7	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member	
8	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani**	Member	
9	Senator Nighat Mirza*	Member	
10	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member	
11	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member	
12	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member	
13	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member	
14	Hammad Khan Marri, D.S, Senate Secretariat	Secretary Committee (Remained Sectary Committee up till 18-07-2017)	
15	Ms. Neelofur S. Hafeez, J.S, Senate Secretariat	Secretary Committee (Notified on 19-07-2017)	
* Senator Mohammad Ali Khan Saif nominated as Member of the Committee vice Senator Nighat Mirza on 28-03-2017.			
** Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani passed away on 24-07-2017 .			

\*The Committee worked as Senate Standing Committee on Communications and Postal Services till 11-08-2017.

## 2. Sittings of the Committee:

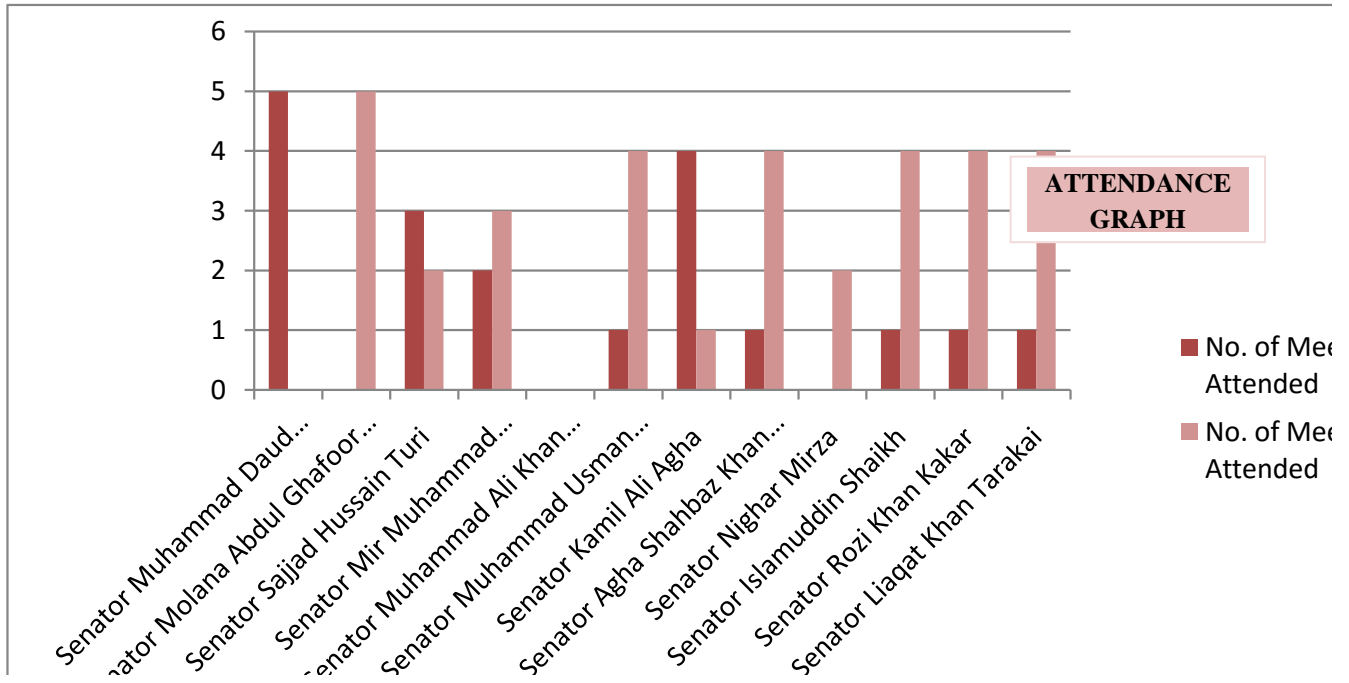
<u>February</u> <u>2017</u> (No Sitting)	<u>March</u> <u>2017</u> (01 Sitting)	<u>April</u> <u>2017</u> (01 Sitting)	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u> (01 Sitting)	<u>June</u> <u>2017</u> (01 Sitting)	<u>July</u> <u>2017</u> (02 Sittings)	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u> (No Sitting)
Nil	1) 27-03-2017	1) 28-04-2017	1) 19-05-2017	1) 16-06-2017	1) 07-07-2017 2) 28-07-2017	Nil
<b>Total number of meetings held during the period = 06</b>						

## 3. Attendance of Chairman/Members in (06) meetings/visits held during the period:

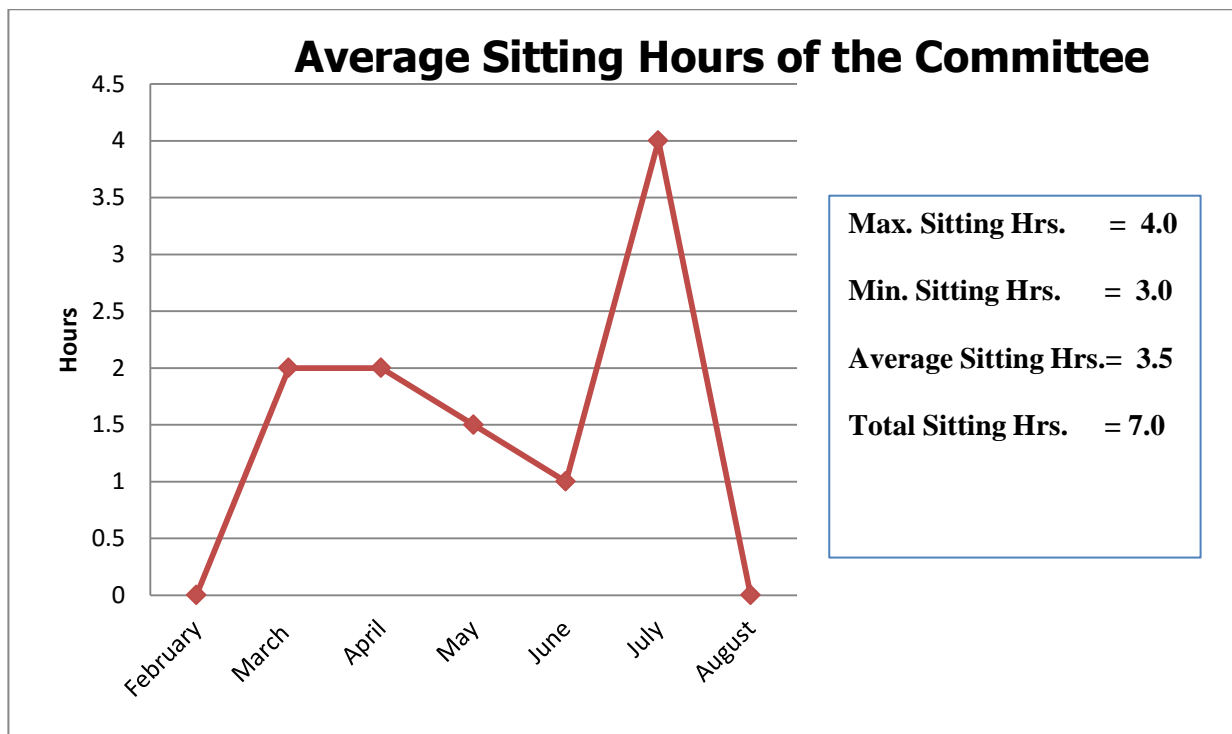
Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Not-Attended	Number of Meetings in which Leave was sought
1.	Senator Advocate Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, (Chairman)	06	00	-
2.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	00	06	-
3.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	04	02	-
4.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	02	04	-
5.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif*	00	01	-
6.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	02	04	03
7.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	05	01	-
8.	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani**	01/04	03/04	-
9.	Senator Nighat Mirza	03	01	01
10.	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	01	05	-
11.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	01	05	0
12.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	04	02	-
13.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	02	04	04
14.	Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani	00	00	-

\*Senator Nighat Mirza nominated a Member of the Committee vice Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 28-03-2017.

\*\* Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani nominated as Member of the Committee on 21-08-2017 as Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani passed away on 25-06-2017.



**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
1.	Visit of M-9 Motorway	To visit the construction work of M-9 Motorway and facility provided on M-9 Motorway Passengers.	28-04-2017

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

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Referred Matters</b>	<b>Referred Date</b>
1.	Question No. 51 asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000.	12-04-2017
2.	Consideration of the Bill further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 (The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017), as passed by the National Assembly and referred to the Standing Committee on 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 for consideration and report.	09-06-2017
3.	Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Jahanzeb Jamaldini regarding the fate of local Engineers of NHA in Balochistan the consideration referred by Chairman Senate.	08-06-2017

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

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Number/ Subject of Public Petition</b>	<b>Date of Referral</b>	<b>Status of Petition</b>	
			<b>Disposed</b>	<b>Pending/ under Consideration</b>
1.	Public Petition No. 1793	10-04-2017	28-04-2017	-
2.	Public Petition No. 1895	03-07-2017	28-07-2017	-

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

### **1) Meeting held on 27-03-2017:**

- i. Follow-up and implementation status on the Recommendations made by the Committee in its meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016.
- ii. Provision of seven services by Pakistan Post.
- iii. Update of recruitment on 171 posts under Aghaz-e-Haqooq Balochistan.
- iv. Details of Embezzlement/fraud/dacoits cases in Pakistan Post during the last three years with departmental action (disciplinary action)/Court decision if any.
- v. Update on plot. No, 2, diplomatic Enclave, Islamabad, auctioned during the year 2012 by Postal Foundation.

### **2) Meeting held on 28-04-2017:**

- i. Briefing by the Chairman NHA on the following:-
  - a. Construction of M-9 Motorway.
  - b. Mechanism to collect toll tax.
  - c. Facilities provided on M-9 Motorway for passengers.
- ii. Consideration of Question no. 51 Asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000.
- iii. Consideration of the subject matter of Public Petition No.1793 referred to the Committee for its disposal and further necessary action.
- iv. Details of Appointments of GMs (Engineering & Revenue) and Secretary, NHA under direct quota after approval from the Prime Minister's Secretariat almost 10 months ago.

v. Details of total deputationists in NHA with position and date of posting.

**3) Meeting held on 19-05-2017:**

- i. Follow-up and implementation status on the recommendations made by the Committee in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.
- ii. Consideration of Question no. 51 Asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000.
- iii. Briefing by the Chairman NHA on the status of Lyari Expressway.

**4) Meeting held on 16-06-2017:**

- i. Follow-up and implementation status on the recommendations made by the Committee in its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 (Recommendation No. 4) and 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.
- ii. Consideration of the Bill further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 [The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017], *as passed by the National Assembly and referred to the Standing Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 for consideration and report.*
- iii. Consideration of Question no. 51 Asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000.
- iv. To discuss NHA contractual employees issues working at N50 (Zhub-Mughal kot) and N70 (Killa Saifullah-Loralai), Balochistan pertaining to prejudiced and discriminatory appointments from other provinces on parochial quota.

**5) Meeting held on 7-07-2017:**

- i. Follow up of the recommendations of the Committee meetings held on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 and 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.
- ii. Consideration of Question No.51, asked by senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan, regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000, referred by the House to committee for consideration and report.
- iii. Consideration of point of Public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, regarding the fate of local engineers of NHA in Balochistan, referred by the House to the committee for consideration and report.
- iv. Complete details of NHA Budget for the years 201-17 and 2017-18.

**6) Meeting held on 28-07-2017:**

- i. Follow up and implementation status on the recommendations made by the committee in the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.
- ii. Consideration of Point of Public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini, regarding the fate of local engineers of NHA in Balochistan, referred by the House to the committee for consideration and report.
- iii. Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-1895 referred by the Chairman Senate to the Committee for its disposal within stipulated time of thirty working days.
- iv. Briefing of details of Postal Services Budget for the years 2016-17 and 2017-18.

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

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**1) Meeting held on 27-03-2017:**

- i. Ministry of Communication and Pakistan Post should pursue the matter pertaining to the new recruitment in Pakistan Post with the help of professional and legal experts.
- ii. Ministry of Communication and Pakistan Post should pursue the case of embezzlement/fraud pending with the Federal Investigation Agency and National Accountability Bureau and recover the amount at the earliest.
- iii. Ministry of Communication in collaboration of Pakistan Post should hold an inquiry in the matter pertaining to plot which was auctioned in year 2012 by Postal Foundation along with details of punishment against those who were held responsible.

**2) Meeting held on 28-04-2017:**

- i. Ministry of Communications and NHA was directed to revisit the spellings of the towns mentioned at the sign board and be changed at the earliest.
- ii. Ministry of Communications and NHA in collaboration with FWO should develop sites for the emergency break wall at M-9.
- iii. The Committee disposed of the Public Petition No.1793 with the directions to apprise the Committee with the decision of the Court followed by the decision of the Review Committee of Establishment Division and Committee constituted by NHA about fate of the petitioners.

**3) Meeting held on 19-05-2017:**

- i. Ministry of Communications and NHA should complete the ‘missing link’ of Lyari expressway on urgent basis. During the month of Ramadan, the Motorway Police in coordination with the Sindh Police (traffic) may be assigned the task to ensure smooth traffic on the Lyari expressway and Mauripur Road to the Tower.
- ii. Ministry of Communications and NHA should ensure widening of Hub bypass.
- iii. Ministry of Communications, NHA in coordination with Motorways Police should ensure smooth flow of traffic on highways and motorways, especially in the holy month of Ramadan.
- iv. Ministry of Communications and NHA should pursue cases pertaining to the employees of NHA and the Apex Court may be requested for an early hearing.

**4) Meeting held on 16-06-2017:**

- i. To conduct an inquiry into the issue of dismissal from service of contractual employee working at N50 (Zhob-Mughal Kot) and N70 (Killa Saifullah-Loralai), Balochistan and report back to the committee in its meeting tentatively scheduled to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.
- ii. The Committee unanimously recommended that “The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017 as passed by the National Assembly and introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.

**5) Meeting held on 7-07-2017:**

- i. The matter related to consideration of the Question 51, asked by Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan was disposed of. However the M/o Communications was directed to submit replies pertaining to the queries raised by the Senator during the meeting.
- ii. Ministry of Communications should take initiative and resolves the matter of termination of the employees terminated by the consultant's firm.
- iii. Committee will hold department wise briefing on Budget allocation and its utilization of the Ministry of Communications. Therefore, a consolidated report will be submitted to the House.

**6) Meeting held on 28-07-2017:**

- i. NHA Chairman to ensure complete redressal of both the petitions as discussed in the meeting.
- ii. Postal Department to re-present in detail Postal Services. Budget 2016-17 & 2017-18 with a special focus on pensioners as to what improvements are made or envisaged in this area.
- iii. Reform Agenda of Postal Department to be presented before the committee.
- iv. Motorway Police new budget 2017-18 a comparative statement with last year budget to be presented before the committee.

**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>	—
2.	<b>TORs /Agenda of the Sub-Committee:</b>	—
3.	<b>Dates of Meetings held:</b>	—
4.	<b>Attendance of the Members:</b>	—
5.	<b>Important Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee:</b>	—
6.	<b>Date of completion of tenure of the Sub-Committee:</b>	—
7.	<b>Date of Submission of report to the Standing Committee:</b>	—
8.	<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>	—

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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.	Reported Matters	Reported Date
1.	Consideration of Question No. 51, asked by Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan, regarding the acreage of land leased out by NHA along the GT road from Peshawar to Lahore since 2000, referred by the House to the committee for consideration and report.	19-07-2017
2.	Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, to present report of the Committee on the Bill Further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 [The post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017]	19-07-2017
3.	“The Point of Public importance raised by Senator Jahanzeb Jamaldini on 8 <sup>th</sup> Jine, 2017	10-08-2017

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

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