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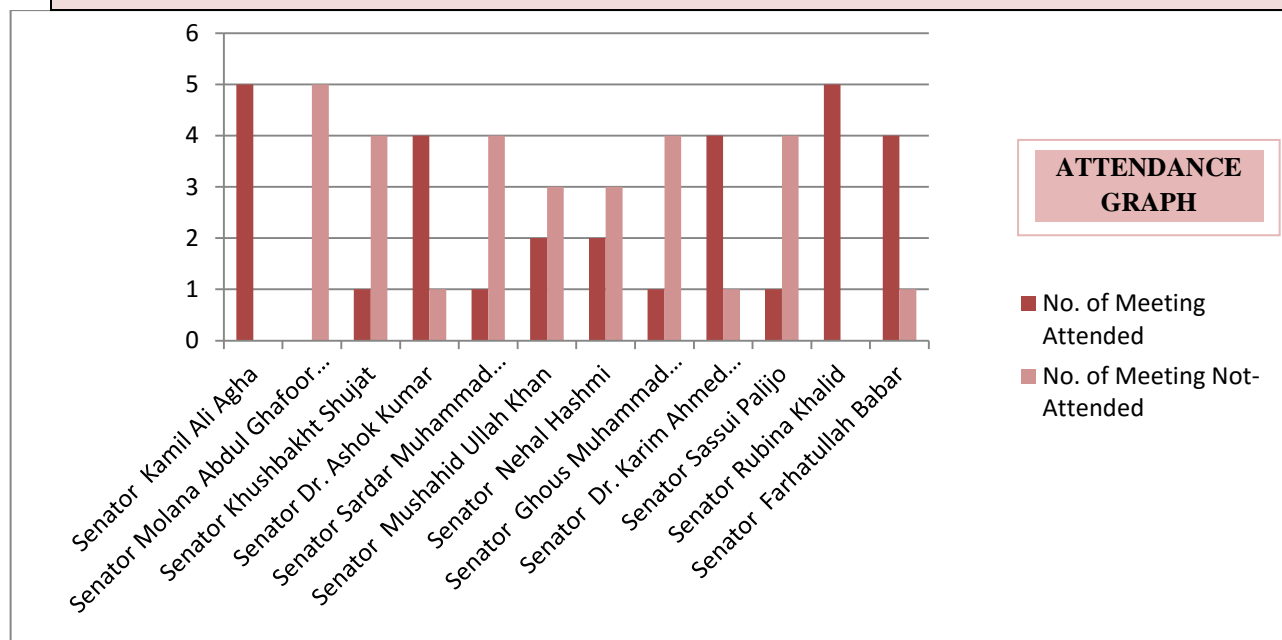
1.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Chairman	
2.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman Senate	Member	
3.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member	
4.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member	
5.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member	
6.	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member	
7.	Senator Nehal Hashmi	Member	
8.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member	
9.	Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja	Member	
10.	Senator Sassui Palijo	Member	
11.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member	
12.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member	
13.	Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain, D.S., Senate Secretariat	Secretary Committee	

2. Sittings of the Committee:

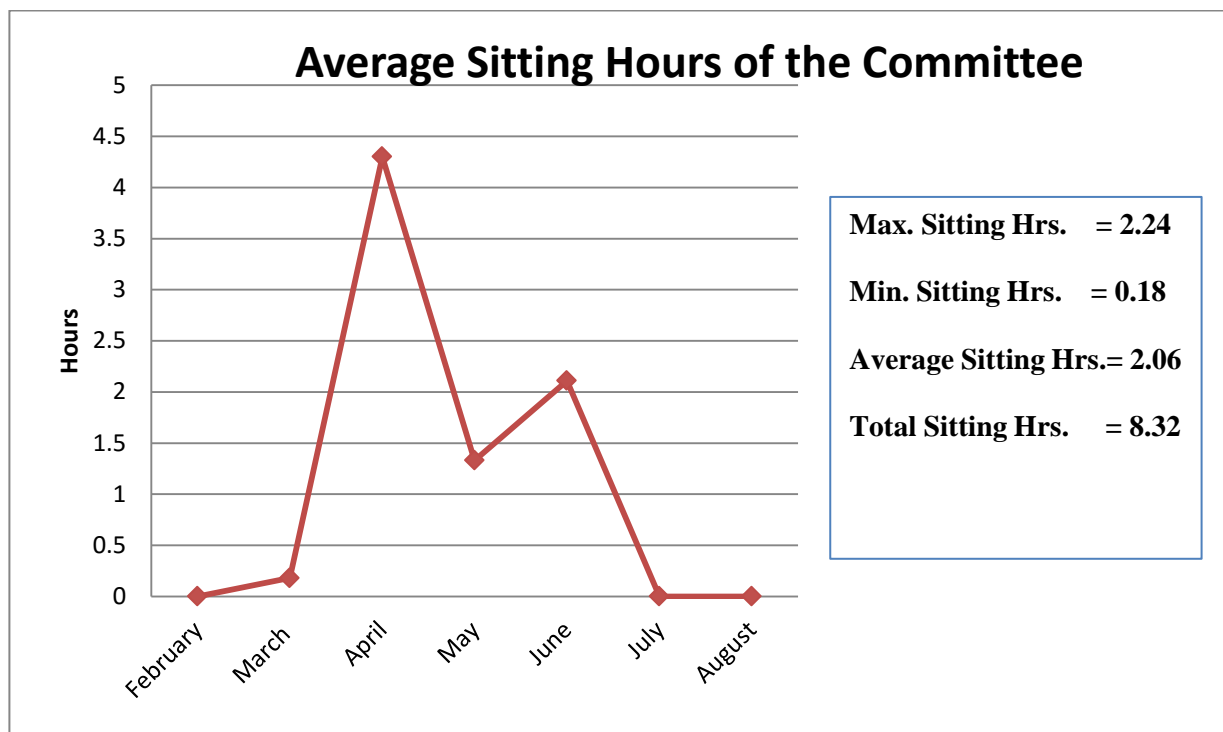
<u>February</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(No Sitting)</u>	<u>March</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(01 Sitting)</u>	<u>April</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(02 Sittings)</u>	<u>May</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(01 Sitting)</u>	<u>June</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(01 Sitting)</u>	<u>July</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(No Sitting)</u>	<u>August</u> <u>2017</u> <u>(No Sitting)</u>
Nil	1) 02-03-2017	1) 06-04-2017 2) 11-04-2017	1) 29-05-2017	1) 15-06-2017	Nil	Nil
Total number of meetings held during the period = 05						

3. Attendance of the 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 Kamil Ali Agha (Chairman)	05	00	-
2.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	00	05	-
3.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	01	04	-
4.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	04	01	-
5.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	01	04	-
6.	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	02	03	-
7.	Senator Nehal Hashmi	02	03	-
8.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	01	04	-
9.	Senator Dr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja	04	01	-
10.	Senator SassuiPalijo	01	04	-
11.	Senator Rubina Khalid	05	00	-
12.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	04	01	-



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
1.	Right of Access to Information Bill, 2017.	15-05-2017
2.	“The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2017.”	21-08-2017

7. Public Petitions Referred and Disposed:

Sl. No.	Number/ Subject of Public Petition	Date of Referral	Status of Petition	
			Disposed	Pending/ under Consideration
1.	PP-1875/ regarding request for external inquiry on a sexual harassment case in	31-05-2017	Disposed of on 15-06-2017	-

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8. Agenda Items of the Meetings:

1) Meeting held on 02-03-2017:

- i) Implementation status/follow up of the recommendations made by the Committee in its last meeting.
- ii) Detailed briefing on official vehicles in the Ministry of IB&NH and it attached department indicating their make, model, engine power as well as names and designation of the officers/officials using the official vehicles alongwith the information asked by the Committee in its meeting held on 21st November, 2016.
- iii) Headwise briefing on budgetry allocation for the current financial year 2016-17 and its utilization by the Information and Broadcasting Division.
- iv) Headwise briefing on Budgetary allocation for the current financial yar 2016-17 and its utilization by the National History and Litrary Heritage Division.
- v) Detailed discussion on the issue of safty/security of working journalists.
- vi) Briefing on draft “Journalist Welfare and Protection Bill, 2017”.
- vii) Report on “Notice for tendering unconditional apology for himiliating and acquisition false allegation” given by Sarfraz Naaz, the formertest cricketer.
- viii) Consideration and adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee constituted on Quaid-e-Azam’s Mausoleum.

2) Meeting held on 06-04-2017:

- i. Implementation status/ follow up of the recommendations made by the Committee in its meeting held on 21st November, 2016.
- ii. Detailed briefing on official vehicles in the Ministry of IB&NH and it attached department indicating their make, model, engine power as well as names and designation of the officers/officials using the official vehicles alongwith the information asked by the Committee in its meeting held on 21st November, 2016.
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- viii. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee constituted on Quaid-e-Azam’s Mausoleum.
- ix. Report on the transfer of contractual employees of Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage from Quetta to Islamabad due to the reason that the matter of making their jobs permanent was raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini in the House under a point of public importance.

3) Meeting held on 11-04-2017:

- i. Detailed briefing about advertisement received by the clients & released by PID from the years 2012 to 2016, respectively.
- ii. Report on advertisement of AEC News, Faisalabad for the last five years.
- iii. Report on the issue of Journalist Quota on “Bhara Kahu Housing scheme”.
- iv. Delay in submission of report/information in respect of Executive Director of Lok Virsa by Minister of Information as recommended by the Committee in its meeting of 27th April, 2016.
- v. Present status/update on the issue of K-electric and PTV raised by Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar.
- vi. Discussion on report of National Museum of Pakistan, Karachi.
- vii. Briefing by PEMRA on the proposed amendments in PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2007.

4) Meeting held on 29-05-2017:

- i. Consideration of Government Bill “The Right of Access to Information Bill, 2017” referred by the House to the Committee with the direction to report back in the forthcoming Senate Session.
- ii. Head wise briefing on budgetary allocation for the current financial year 2016-17 and its utilization by the Information and Broadcasting Division.

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 - v. Report on “Notice for tendering unconditional apology for humiliating and acquisitioning false allegation” given by Sarfaraz Nawaz, the former test cricketer.
 - vi. Briefing on draft “Journalists Welfare and Protection Bill, 2017”.

5) Meeting held on 15-06-2017:

- i. Detailed briefing on the petition of Mr. Abid Hassan Manto “Land Reforms 1972 and 1977.
- ii. Consideration of Public Petition No. PP-1875 of Marvi Sirmed, Journalist regarding sexual harassment case in PTV, referred by the Honorable Chairman Senate for report back in 30 days.

9. Important Recommendations of the Committee:

1) Meeting held on 02-03-2017:

- i. The committee did not consider the agenda item due to absence of Minister of State and Secretary Information and Broadcasting Division.

2) Meeting held on 06-04-2017:

- i. The Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage should ensure equal media coverage of the activities of all political parties both on PTV and the private channels.
- ii. The Ministry of IB&NH should constitute a committee/team in the Ministry assigning the responsibility to prepare and monitor airing of regular and specified public service messages on PTV and the private TV channel, as well, and ensure their implementation. The Committee may be updated in the next meeting, in this regard.
- iii. The Secretary IB&NH was directed to look into long outstanding pension issues of the retired employees of the LokVirsa and report in the next meeting.
- iv. The Committee while expressing concerns over the matter of Chairman PTV exercising the power of MD PTV with the approval of Board of Directors of PTV directed the Information and Broadcasting Division to examine the matter in the

light of relevant rules and take a decision accordingly. However, until the matter is legally resolved, no executive powers should be exercised by any functionary who under the law has no such power. The matter may be reported to the Committee in the next meeting.

- v. The Secretary I&B Division was directed to look into the serious allegations leveled in the application received from female employee of Lok Virsa if considered, necessary a departmental inquiry be conducted. No administrative action should be taken against the employee during the period of inquiry. A report, in this regard be furnished to the Committee within 15 days.
- vi. The Secretary I&B division was directed to look into the complaints submitted by some employees of Lok Virsa and report back to the Committee within 15 days.
- vii. National Heritage and Literary Division to pursue the case of transfer of the administration control of the National Museum of Pakistan Karachi to federal Government. A list of all entities of national importance devolved to Provincial Governments that come under the purview of the Entry 15 of the Federal Legislative List (Part-I) be prepared and reported to the Committee, in the next meeting.
- viii. The Committee recommended that final draft of the amendments proposed in PEMRA (Amendment) Act, 2007 may be placed before the Committee for clause by clause discussion and value addition by the Committee, where required.
- ix. The Secretary I&B division was directed to that dues of PTV against K-Electric are legally protected before its transfer/sale to a Chinese company. The Ministry may also explore the possibility of collection of monthly TV licenses fee through SSGC. The Committee may be updated in this matter, in the next meeting.
- x. The Committee decided that representative of PAA and PBA would be invited in the next meeting for discussion the strategy of transmission being adopted for month of Ramdan.

3) Meeting held on 29-05-2017:

- i. The Committee thoroughly the “The Right to Access to Information Bill, 2017 and recommended that the House may pass the said Bill as referred by the House.
- ii. The Committee strongly recommended to include the National Museum of Pakistan project of National History and Literary Heritage Division in the current PSDP.
- iii. The Committee directed Secretary of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage to look into the case of Mr. Sarfraz Nawaz, cricketer and resolve the matter amicably. The committee directed that such incidents should be avoided in the future.
- iv. The Committee took strong notice of the unethical T.V programs in Ramadan and strictly directed that such immoral programs/shows should be cut off forthwith.

4) Meeting held on 15-06-2017:

- i. The provincial governments should furnish their final views on the land reforms within a period of 30 days to the Federal Land Commission and the Committee, keeping in view all perspective i.e. judgments of Supreme Court, Land Reforms Amendment Bill and the authority of provinces and the Federal government after the 18th Amendment. After receipt of comments from the provincial governments, Senator TajHaider and Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja would coordinate with

Attorney General of Pakistan for final way forward of the matter. Subsequently, Mr. Abid Hassan Manto would also be consulted.

- ii. The Committee disposed of the PP NO. 1875 fields by Ms. Marvi Sirmed, Journalist as a high level departmental inquiry has already been conducted and FIA has also been probing into the matter. The Committee however advised the MD, PTV to provide the report of FIA in the matter once finalized and take concrete measures to eradicate the menace of sexual harassment in the institution and ensure that such incidents should no reoccur in future.

10. Sub-Committee Meetings:

Sl. No.	Details of Sub-Committee / Meetings held during the period	
1.	Date of Formation of the Sub-Committee with Composition:	-
2.	TORs /Agenda of the Sub-Committee:	-
3.	Dates of Meetings held:	-
4.	Attendance of the Members:	-
5.	Important Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee:	-
6.	Date of completion of tenure of the Sub-Committee:	-
7.	Date of Submission of report to the Standing Committee:	-
8.	Report of the Sub-Committee, if presented, in the House as Special Report of the main Committee (if so, the date of presentation.	-

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.	Right to Access to Information, Bill, 2017	07-06-2017

13. Reports adopted by the House:

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