

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 19th DECEMBER, 2016**

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 19th December, 2016, in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman, Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 21st November, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 257th Session.
- iv. Inter-provincial conference to be held from 16th to 17th January, 2017.
- v. Consideration of draft Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 prepared in the light of decision of the House Business Advisory Committee.
- vi. Consideration of Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2015.
- vii. Procedure for submitting Calling Attention Notices.
- viii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Chairman
2)	Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,	Deputy Chairman
3)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
5)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
6)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
7)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
8)	Senator Taj Haider	Member
9)	Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini	Member
10)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
11)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
12)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
13)	Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	Member
14)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 12:20 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran.

AGENDA ITEM NO.I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 21ST NOVEMBER, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting dated 21st November, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO.II: COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate submitted compliance report on the earlier decisions/directions of the Committee. The Committee showed satisfaction on the compliance report.

AGENDA ITEM NO.III: BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 257TH SESSION.

7. The Committee decided to take up the routine business of the Private Members', the Government Business and the Senate Business during the Session.

AGENDA ITEM NO.IV: INTER-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD FROM 16TH TO 17TH JANUARY, 2017.

8. The Committee appreciated the idea of holding Inter-provincial Conference. The Chairman asked all the Parliamentary Party Leaders to nominate one Member of each party to attend the Conference. The Committee agreed that the following shall attend the Conference:-

- Parliamentary party leaders of all political parties in the House along with one member nominated by each parliamentary party leader.
- Leader of the House in the Senate.
- Leader of the Opposition in the Senate.
- Chairman Functional Committee on Devolution Process.
- Chairman Standing Committee on Inter Provincial Coordination.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to write letters to all the Parliamentary Party Leaders seeking their confirmation and nomination of another Member belonging to their party to participate in the Conference.

AGENDA ITEM NO.V: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2016 PREPARED IN THE LIGHT OF DECISION OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

9. The Chairman explained the background of the drafting of the Bill and urged the Members to go through the same and provide the input on the same till next regular meeting of the House Business Advisory Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VI: CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT (SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES) RULES, 2015.

10. Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the Parliamentary Affairs Division based on the proposals/draft finalized by a Committee of the National Assembly has drafted Rules under the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974. The Senate Secretariat has also given its input in the draft Rules while keeping in view some problems being faced by the Members in respect of TA/DA and Medical Allowance. Secretary Senate read out every amendment proposed by the Secretariat for information and clarity of the Members.

Senator Taj Haider suggested that a final document by incorporating the proposed amendment may be prepared for better understanding of the Members.

The Chairman directed the Members to go through the same and provide the input on the same till next regular meeting of the House Business Advisory Committee.

The Chairman also directed the Secretariat to forward the draft amendments to the Members who were not present in the meeting through electronic and ordinary mail.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VII: PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES.

11. The Chairman apprised the Members that due to giving of Calling Attention Notices by some Members in bulk, some administrative problems in management of Business is being witnessed. The Chairman suggested that in order to provide equal opportunity to all the Members to bring the issues in the House, it would be appropriate to put a restriction on every Member to give only three Calling Attention Notices for a week and after every week the pending notices shall lapse, however, the Members may revive the Notices for next week.

The Committee unanimously agreed the suggestion and approved the issuance of Standing Order in this respect.

