

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2017**

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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 258<sup>th</sup> Session.
- iv. Consideration of draft constitution (amendment) Bill, 2016 prepared in the light of decision of the house Business Advisory Committee. Consideration of draft Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016 prepared in the light of decision of the House Business Advisory Committee.
- v. Consideration of Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Rules, 2015.
- vi. Conveying the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to “Consider mode of elections of Members of Senate, pros and cons of single transferable voting system, alternates, poll reforms etc.” to the Parliament Committee on Election Reforms.
- vii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
4)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
5)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
6)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
7)	Senator Taj Haider	Member
8)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
9)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
10)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member

11)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
12)	Senator Sirajul Haq	Member
13)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
14)	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
15)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
16)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	
17)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 1:15 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed the Members.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016.**

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December, 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 258<sup>TH</sup> 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. Senator Taj Haider stated that the rules may be suspended to enable the Members to discuss the incident of torture on a minor domestic servant in Islamabad as well as the abduction of four Members of Civil Society.

**The Chairman stated that there is no need to suspend the rules and he will allow the discussion on both the matters on raising of the same on Point of Order.**

8. The Chairman explained the Members about the provision of rule 99 which provide that after presentation of report by the Committee on a Bill, if the Member-in-charge does not give any of the notice given in rule 100 then the Secretariat shall itself set down such Bills on the Orders of the Day for consideration of such Bills by the House. The Committee was of the considered opinion that this rule should be implemented in letter and spirit. Accordingly, the Secretariat was directed to implement the same from the next Private Member's Day.

9. The Committee decided that meetings of following Committees of the Whole shall be convened during the Session:-

- i. Committee of the Whole on the need for revival of students unions in the educational institutions in the country particularly in colleges and universities.
- ii. Committee of the Whole constituted to prepare policy guidelines in the light of emerging regional realities (Water related issues)
- iii. Committee of the Whole on the Legislative, Administrative and other measures required for mainstreaming and ensuring constitutional rights to the people of Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)

10. Senators Taj Haider, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah and Nauman Wazir Khattak desired that following agenda items may be added in the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on the water related issues:-

1. Briefing by the Government about the latest development in construction of Kishan-Gnaga Dam by India,
2. Briefing by the Government on the mode adopted for dispute resolution on water issues with India i.e. through Arbitration or Neutral Umpire,
3. Briefing by the Government about the status of legal firms safeguarding the interest of Pakistan on water issues at International forums.

11. Regarding the Committee of the Whole on revival of Student Unions, the Chairman apprised the Committee that that the Supreme Court of Pakistan through its judgment reported as 1993 SCMR 1781 imposed ban on the Student Unions in the year 1993 but the judgment itself state that the decision can be reviewed from time to time according to the prevailing circumstances, therefore, two recourses are available which are,- (i) we may

