



# **SENATE OF PAKISTAN**

## **REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

For the Period  
September, 2012 to February, 2015

*Presented by*  
**SENATOR ENGINEER MALIK RASHID AHMED KHAN**  
**Chairperson**

**ZARGHOONA SHABBIR**  
**Section officer/Secretary Committee**

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## PREFACE

As Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, I feel pleasure to present this report of the Committee on the proceedings held during the period from September, 2012 to February, 2015. During this period the Committee held frequent meetings to discuss various agenda items/issues relating to the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development and its subordinate organizations. The Committee made several useful recommendations for the welfare of Overseas Pakistanis.

The following organizations are working under the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development:-

- 1. Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment (BE & EO)**
- 2. National Industrial Relation Commission (NIRC)**
- 3. Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF)**
- 4. Employees Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI)**
- 5. Workers Welfare Fund (WWF)**
- 6. Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC)**

The Committee took briefings from certain organizations which are also mentioned above including the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development.

I do value the keen interest, valuable contributions, suggestions and deliberations of the members of the Committee during the meetings and offer them my sincere thanks. Without members' diligence and cooperation, it would not have been possible to achieve the desired objectives. The Committee is determined to keep on playing its active role, by making recommendations to facilitate the Government in resolving issues of public interest.

I am grateful to the Secretary Committee Ms. Zarghoona Shabbir and Director Staff Mr. M. Rehan Hameed, for their valuable, tireless efforts and useful role to facilitate the Committee in achieving its goals.

**Sd/-**  
**(Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan)**  
Chairman

**Islamabad**

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and HRD convened four meetings during the period from September, 2012 to February, 2015. The Committee during this period made its best efforts to monitor the assigned functions of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and HRD. During the period the Committee look into the complicated issues/matters of aggrieved overseas Pakistanis and also the Committee keep visionary eye on the Ministry to play its effective role for their betterment and development.

The agenda/issues and recommendations forwarded to the Ministry during the period are as under:-

- **First Meeting:-** The first meeting of the Committee was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 on the “Role, Functions, Responsibilities, Budget allocation as well as details of employees of the Ministry and its attached departments.
  
- **Second Meeting:-** The second meeting of the Committee was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 wherein issues related to the merger of M/o Overseas Pakistanis and M/o Human Resource Development, working of attached/ subordinate departments of the Ministry and steps taken by the Government of rehabilitation and education of children especially in Tribal Areas were discussed. After taking a detailed briefing by the Ministry the Committee made following recommendations:-
  - The expatriates should be given life time insurance.
  - It was recommended that OPF Schools should be opened in Turbat and Gawadar to facilitate children of Overseas Pakistanis in the Province.
  - Best possible security services should be given to the overseas Pakistanis on their return.
  - Police deployment or district management force should be deployed for the protection of overseas Pakistanis. In this regard provincial assistance is highly needed.
  - Right to vote should be given to the overseas Pakistanis.
  - A detailed bench for the facilitation of overseas Pakistan should be formed at all offices of OPF.
  
- **Third Meeting:-** The third meeting of the Committee was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014 in which briefing on the ongoing/ proposed projects of the ministry in the FATA regarding health and education was discussed. The Chairman opined that the Ministry should pay special attention to the overseas Pakistanis hailing from FATA due to their poverty status. The Committee made following recommendations:-
  - Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development should develop an effective system to monitor the working of the welfare attachés.
  - Liaison should be established between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Overseas Pakistanis Foundation and both should work in close coordination.
  - A joint Committee consisting of members from Ministry of foreign Affairs, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, and Overseas Pakistanis

Foundation should be formed to ascertain problems of overseas Pakistanis and to devise strategies in the best interest of Pakistanis living across the border.

- A country-wise report detailing all the cases taken up by the welfare officers should be provided to the Committee.
- ACR of the employees should be exchanged between Overseas Pakistanis Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Complaint cells should be established in Pakistan as well as in other countries and the relatives of the overseas Pakistanis should also be allowed to file complaints on their behalf.
- Arrangements should be made by the OPF to equip the people going abroad with the knowledge of the rules / language of the respective country where a person is moving forward.
- Accountability procedure of the Employees of the OPF should be enhanced.
- Details of the Housing Society built for the Overseas Pakistanis should be provided to the Committee.
- OPF should procure land and buildings in FATA to establish educational facilities for the families of overseas Pakistanis.
- Teachers for the children of overseas Pakistanis should be arranged in FATA.
- OPF should involve the Overseas Pakistani Community for the implementation of its programs in the foreign countries.

- **Fourth Meeting:-** The fourth Committee meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. The Committee unanimously approved Emigration Ordinance, 1979 (XVIII of 1979) (Amendment) Bill, 2013 moved by Senator Moula Baksh Chandio. Working and performance of Overseas Employment Corporation was also discussed. The Committee was briefed about the overall performance of Workers Welfare Fund. Senator Sehar Kamran raised the issue of Pakistani prisoners detained in the Saudi jails. She also laid certain press-clippings highlighting the plight of those prisoners. It was informed that some of the females have given birth to children during detention and certain were still in jails. As this was an important issue so it was decided to constitute a Sub-Committee under the Convenership of Senator Sehar Kamran. Senator Nasreen Jalil and Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash was chosen as members of the Sub-Committee, whereas, Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana would also be called in the meeting when and where needed for legal advice. The TORs of the Sub-Committee were, to probe in the matter relating to Pakistani prisoners living in Saudi jails in particular and other issues pertaining to overseas Pakistanis welfare in general.
- **Sub-Committee Meetings:-** The Sub-Committee of Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and HRD was constituted on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. The TORs of the Sub-Committee were, to probe in the matter relating to Pakistani prisoners living in Saudi jails in particular and other issues pertaining to overseas Pakistanis welfare in general. The Sub-Committee held its three sittings. Thorough and extensive discussion was made during the sittings. After detailed discussions the Sub-Committee made following recommendations:-
  - Regarding prisoners releases, the Committee recommended that the issue must be kept as an important agenda item during meetings with the incoming delegates at Ambassadorial level. The outgoing delegates should also be apprised on the same. In this regard Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and HRD should also be taken on board.
  - The Pakistani missions in Riyadh and Jeddah shall try to coordinate with the local authorities to get prisoners lists on daily basis.

- Community help may be taken for release of prisoners who were in prison due to minor cases, non-payment of fines or due to accidents.
- The treaty for transfers of prisoners between Pakistan and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia should be taken on priority basis.
- Efforts should be made to provide better services to the Overseas Pakistanis.
- Balances in the Community Welfare Fund at both Embassy in Riyadh and Consulate in Jeddah shall be provided in Saudi Riyals.
- To facilitate overseas Pakistanis regarding processing of their documentations required for settlement of pending cases, recoveries of dues, compensations and other related matters, it was suggested to find possibility of hiring Arabic translators in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and its camp offices in Pakistan.
- Four death pursuers and interpreters may be posted in Makkah Mukarma, Madina Munawara, Taif and Ahba to facilitate the Pakistani community residing in those areas and follow up the cases. Considering the large number of Pakistan diaspora in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and keeping in view area of the Kingdom, it was opined that missions may expand its requisite services to assist Pakistani workers and employees residing in Makkah Mukarma, Madina Munawara, Taif and Ahba apart from Jeddah and Riyadh.
- Transportation of dead bodies could be expedited if PIA plays a leading role.
- Regarding disputes of Pakistani workers with employers / Kafeels it was suggested that the Mission may provide requisite services in all areas including Makkah Mukarma, Madina Munawara, Taif and Ahba.
- The Community network should be further enhanced and strengthened.
- The foreign office was directed to submit a detailed report on the issue of inappropriate behavior of the Consul General to honorable Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran.
- The Foreign Office will submit details of members who are actually chairing the committee of welfare fund in Jeddah and Riyadh.
- Due recognition should be given to the voluntary community workers.
- Community network in Riyadh should be replicated in other parts of Saudi Arabia.
- The recommendations of the Sub-Committee be sent to the Foreign Office, Prime Minister Secretariat and the concerned Embassies.
- Considering the pending items, replies awaited and importance of the agenda it was decided to extend the time of sub-committee.

***Report of the Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and HRD on “THE EMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013” laid in the House.***

Sd/-  
**(Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan)**  
Chairman

**Islamabad**

**COMPOSITION OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS  
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<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	
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3.	Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
4.	Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash	Member
5.	Senator Gulzar Ahmed Khan	Member
6.	Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
7.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
8.	Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
9.	Senator Mrs. Nasreen Jalil	Member
10.	Senator Malik Najmul Hassan	Member
11.	Senator Mrs. Zahida Parveen	Member
12.	Dr. Abdul Qayoom Soomro	Member

# **PROFILES OF SENATORS**



## ENGR. MALIK RASHID AHMED KHAN

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-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development  
**(Chairperson Committee)**  
-States and Frontier Regions  
-Federal Education and Professional Training  
-Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan  
-Select Committee  
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**PERVAIZ RASHID**  
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- Select Committee (**Chairperson Committee**)
- Science and Technology
- Interior and Narcotics Control
- Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development
- Functional Committee on Human Rights

**Academic Career:**

**Additional Information:**



## **PROF. SAJID MIR**

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-Science and Technology (**Chairperson Committee**)  
-Rules of Procedures and Privileges  
-Functional Committee on Government Assurances  
-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development  
**Academic Career:**  
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## ABDUL NABI BANGASH

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### Committee (s):

- Federal Education and Professional Training (**Chairperson Committee**)
- Petroleum and Natural Resources
- Housing and Works
- Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development
- Employees Welfare Fund

**Academic Career :**  
**Additional Information:**  
**Other Information:**

Abdul Nabi Bangash is a Senator of Awami National Party from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Senator Bangash has remained Chairman of Bangash Group of Companies for 20 Years. He is President of Awami National Party (ANP), UAE, since 1994; Member of Advisory Committee (ANP), since 2008; and Member of Central Committee (ANP), since 2004. In addition, he is Chairman of Pakhtun Welfare Organization, UAE, since 2005; President of United Forum Dubai (Pakistan Business Community) since 2004; President of Car Dealers

Association (DUCAMZ) Dubai, since 1994. He has also remained Vice President of Pakistan Association Dubai, 1994 – 1998, and Director of Pakistan Business Council, Dubai.

Major achievements as Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Housing & Works (July 2009 - Mar 2012)

Vacation of 135 kanals of land encroached by the villagers in Moza Dhanna Singwala and other unauthorized occupations at Wafaqi Colony, Lahore.

Resolved the matter of unauthorized occupation of 12 apartments at Wafaqi Colony, Lahore, by Punjab Police and recovered a cheque amounting to Rs.1.600 million from the latter in this regard.

Vacation of Chamba House, Lahore, that was illegally occupied by NAB for the last 11 years under the directions of Military Dictator. Also recovered an amount of Rs. 90.60 million in terms of rent of Chamba House, as well as Rs.100.18 million for renovation of Chamba House. This was a great and historic achievement of the Committee and proved the supremacy of the Parliament.

The Committee got vacated 122 houses / flats out of 185 illegally occupied by Islamabad Police. The Committee also got vacated the Govt. houses / flats from non-entitled departments and Madrassas.

The Committee also took a serious notice on the illegal occupation of newly-constructed Aabpara flats, Islamabad by ICT Police personnel and instructed the Ministry of Housing & Works to resolve the matter with the CDA so that the building may be handed over to the Ministry for onward allotment to the eligible Govt. employees.

The Committee took up another most important matter regarding 249 Govt-owned residential accommodation of the Estate Office, Ministry of Housing & Works, at Sariab Road, Quetta, which was illegally occupied by Balochistan Constabulary in the year 2004. Resolved the issue of non-construction of 90 flats entrusted to PWD in Peshawar.

Checked the progress of the Development Schemes of the Parliamentarians, PSDP Schemes, and schemes under P.M. Directive, being executed by the PWD in all the provinces. For this purpose the Committee visited the provincial headquarters and monitored the quality / progress of work.

Reviewed the progress of the projects of PHA, FGEHF and NCL and issued directions to the concerned quarters that while entering any project, the prior approval of the Committee would be mandatory. In this regard, the Committee re-examined the projects of PHA like the PHA agreement with M/s. Roofi Builders and M/s. Maymar at Karachi, and the projects of M/s. Nobel Waters, Islamabad. In view of the dubious antecedents and defaulting history of M/s. Rofi Builders, The Committee strongly recommended not signing an agreement with them. The Ministry honoured the recommendations of the Committee and the agreement was not signed with M/s. Rofi Builders. The Committee also analyzed the projects of FGEHF in Bharakahu, Islamabad, and reviewed the scheme of “membership drive” launched by FGEHF; also monitored the scheme of PHA at Kuri Road, Islamabad.

The Committee also reviewed the project of PHA at Kuchlak Road, Quetta, paid a visit to the proposed site and issued the necessary directions to the PHA regarding the said projects.



## **GULZAR AHMED KHAN**

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**Committee (s):**  
-National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination  
-Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony  
-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development  
-Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan

### **Academic Career:**

**Qualification:** L.L.B

### **Additional Information:**

#### **Other Information:**

Landlord and Advocate

Remained B.D. Member 1965

Remained Chairman, Naivela Union Council, D.I.Khan 1965

Remained Special Assistant to the Prime Minister with the Status of Federal Minister 1989 to 1990

Culture and Tourism Federal Minister

Member Senate of Pakistan 1988 to 1994

Four Charitable (Free) Dispensaries in D.I.Khan Chief Patron and owner

Member the High Court Bar Lahore



## MIR MUHAMMAD ALI RIND

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<b>Political Career:</b>	
<b>Committee (s)</b>	-Railways ( <b>Chairperson Committee</b> ) -Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development -Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas -Employees Welfare Fund -Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan

### Other Information:

Muhammad Ali Rind was born in a respectable family of Rind Tribe in 1944 at Turbat/Kech District of Balochistan. He got his early education from Quetta. A philanthropist by nature, he devoted himself to the development and uplift of the people. His interest in the welfare of the local population motivated him to enter into the realm of politics at the grass root level, and was elected BD member at the age of 20. Currently, he is Vice President of Balochistan National Party (Awami). Earlier, he has served at many prominent positions during his career. He has been elected Member, Balochistan Provincial Assembly in 1985, 1990 and 1997. He was Minister Revenue and Excise & Taxation in 1990 and Minister for Food, Fisheries and Coastal Development in 1997 in Balochistan Cabinet. He has been Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Minorities Affairs till its dissolution under 18th Amendment, in 2010. He has widely travelled both within and outside Pakistan and has been to various countries in Europe, Middle East on official and private visit.

## MUFTI ABDUL SATTAR



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Tenure:	March 2012 to March 2018



## SEHAR KAMRAN

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**Political Career:**  
**Committee (s)**  
-Defence  
-Foreign Affairs  
-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development  
-Functional Committee on Human Rights  
  
**Academic Career:**  
**Additional Information:**



## NASREEN JALIL

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<b>Political Career:</b>	
<b>Committee (s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization <b>(Chairperson Committee)</b></li><li>-Railways</li><li>-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development</li><li>-Functional Committee on Human Rights</li></ul>

### **Academic Career:**

### **Additional Information:**

### **Other Information:**

An experienced Politician, Mrs. Nasreen Jalil is a Senator and Deputy Convener of Muttahida Quami Movement (MQM) from Sindh Province.

Hailing from a respectable family of Karachi, Nasreen Jalil was born in Lahore in 1944. Her parents were originally the inhabitants of U.P. in the pre-partitioned India. Her father Mr. Zafarul Ahsan was an Indian Civil Service (ICS) officer who had opted to work in Punjab even before the creation of Pakistan. He was the Deputy High Commissioner of Lahore at the time of partition.

Having a degree in English Literature (Hons.) from Karachi University, Senator Jalil also holds a Commercial Pilot License. She has served at many prominent positions during her career. She was elected Member of Senate of Pakistan in March, 1994 for a six year term.

She was one of two women in a House of 87 on a general seat. She also remained Chairperson of Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights.

Mrs. Nasreen Jalil joined the MQM in 1988 as a political worker. She started work from the grass-root level of the party and gradually was assigned different tasks, including correspondence in English and taking out twice a month, an English Newsletter on MQM as In-charge of the Research and Information Cell of the party. She also became In charge of MQM Research and Technocrat Committee.

Mrs. Nasreen Jalil became a “prisoner of conscience” in 1994. She was brought from Karachi Central Jail to attend the Senate sessions on Production Orders of Chairman Senate. She remained in jail for more than 6 months and then remained under house arrest in Karachi till 1977.

In 1992, she went on a one-day hunger strike in front of 10-Downing Street London, to highlight the atrocities being carried out against Mohajirs in Karachi during the Army Operation. In 1994, the House of Commons, U.K., brought the Early Day Motion to condemn the incarceration of three MQM senators in Karachi during the PPP rule.

In 1999, Mrs. Nasreen Jalil was again arrested for leading demonstrations against building of Kala Bagh Dam by MQM and other nationalist parties of Sindh. In 1997, she was member of a Pakistani parliamentarians' delegation to study Conflict Resolution in South Africa and their new-found freedom, arranged by NDI.

In 2002, she contested the General Elections from NA 250 in Karachi, but lost. In 2005, she was elected to the City Council Karachi and became Deputy Mayor of Karachi. In 2010, she was elected as Chairperson of the City Council Karachi, in a House of 251.



## MALIK NAJMUL HASSAN

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**Political Career:**  
**Committee (s):**

- Railways
- Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage
- National Food Security and Research
- Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development

**Academic Career:**  
**Additional Information:**



## ZAHIDA KHAN

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**Committee (s):**  
-Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony  
-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development  
-Functional Committee on Human Rights  
-Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan  
  
**Academic Career:**  
**Additional Information:**



**DR. ABDUL QAYOOM SOOMRO**

**Name:** Dr. Abdul Qayoom Soomro  
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**Province:** Sindh  
**Party:** Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian (PPP-P)  
**Seat Description:** General  
**Designation:** Senator  
**Oath Taking Date:** 12-05-2014  
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**Committee (s):**  
-Defence  
-Information Technology and Telecommunication  
-Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage  
-Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development  
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# **MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2012.

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 at 02:30 p.m. in the Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-
  - (i) Briefing by the Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis on its working and performance.
  - (ii) Any other item with permission of the chair.
3. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-
  - (i) Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind
  - (ii) Senator Malik Najmul Hassan.
  - (iii) Senator Pervaiz Rashid.
  - (iv) Senator Prof. Sajid Mir.

The list of officers of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Overseas Pakistanis Foundation is annexed.

4. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Najmul Hassan.
5. Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis could not chaired the meeting due to death of his uncle.
6. In pursuance of Rule- 175 clause (3) of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind was chosen to act as Chairman for the sitting.
7. On the request of the acting Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis, the participants offered "FATEHA" for the deceased uncle of Senator Engr. Rashid Ahmed Khan.
8. Dr. Nadeem Ehsan, Minister of State for Overseas Pakistanis thanked to Chairman and other Members of the Committee for inviting him to the meeting. He briefly introduced the officers of the Ministry who were present in the meeting. Thereafter, the Chairman of the Committee invited Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis to brief the Committee.
9. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis briefed the Committee on overall working/ performance of the Ministry and its attached autonomous organization (Overseas Pakistanis Foundation) OPF. He informed that M/o Overseas Pakistanis was established by the present Government on November 03, 2008 to exclusively deal with the problems and welfare of the Overseas Pakistanis. Functions of the Ministry are as follows:-
  - Welfare of Pakistani emigrants abroad and their dependents in Pakistan.
  - Research into problems of Overseas Pakistanis and resolving them through best suited measure.

- Planning and coordination regarding manpower development and employment promotion for intending overseas workers.
- Administrative control of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) and Community Welfare Attaches.
- Special Selection Board for selection of Community Welfare Attaches for posting in Pakistan Missions abroad.

One of functions of M/o Overseas Pakistanis was to trace the employment opportunities in foreign countries. For coordination the Ministry acts as a focal Ministry. Tracing the history, he informed the Committee that its 02 subordinate organizations were transferred to the newly created Ministry of Human Resource and Development (HRD). Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis had established 21 offices of Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs) in the 18 countries of the world. Keeping in view the extra ordinary figure of Pakistanis and to solve their problems, M/o Overseas Pakistanis has suggested for establishing 03 Missions in Houston, Los Angeles and Athens in consultation with M/o Foreign Affairs and M/o Finance. The main functions of CWAs are as follows:-

- To safeguard the interests of the Pakistani emigrants in the host country.
- To attend the complaints of the Pakistani emigrants and take remedial steps for redressing their complaints.
- To promote overseas employment for Pakistanis manpower in the countries of their accreditation.
- Motivating Overseas Pakistanis for economic stability through home remittances/ investment, and creating awareness of the benefits of remitting their hard earned money through legal channels.
- Meeting Pakistani workers to ascertain their problems.
- Handling of cases of illegal emigrants and to suggest measures to curb it.
- Tracing out job opportunities for overseas Pakistanis.
- Transportation of dead bodies of overseas Pakistanis to Pakistan.

Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs) work under the overall supervision of Pakistani's Missions abroad but report to M/o Overseas Pakistanis. He further informed the Members about conservative figure of Pakistanis living abroad. In Middle East about 3500000 Pakistanis are living, which come 51 % of total overseas Pakistanis. In U.K. about 1100000 Pakistanis and in USA, Canada about 1200000 Pakistanis live, which come 18 % of total Pakistanis living abroad. Secretary M/o Overseas Pakistanis gave an elaborate overview of the Ministry and its attached departments/ organizations.

10. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir asked, Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis as to whether the figures include those Pakistanis who are in possession of dual nationality. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis responded that the figure include both the Pakistanis holding dual nationality and otherwise. In this regard Pakistan Origin Cards are issued by NADRA to those Pakistanis who are in possession of dual nationality.

11. Senator Pervaiz Rashid asked about the national/ citizenship status of children of families of those Pakistanis emigrants, who born in the host countries. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis informed the Committee that on the basis of nationality of parents, citizenship of such children is determined. However, M/o Overseas Pakistanis in collaboration with NADRA and M/o Foreign Affairs is building up complete data base of the families who have surrendered their Pakistani citizenship. Presently, there is a common trend that Pakistani families living in Europe, USA and Canada prefer to giving birth of their babies in the host countries. He further informed the Members that the Ministry has maintained complete data of 5200000 Pakistanis to whom Pakistan Origin Cards (POCs) were issued by NADRA. The Ministry has also maintained complete data of those Pakistanis who happened to leave Pakistan for abroad every month.

There was a happy trend that this year from January to June about 345000 Pakistanis left the country for jobs.

12. The acting Chairman asked Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis either they go abroad through Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis or at their own. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis responded that usually people go abroad through licensed overseas promoters/ agents. However, on the basis of demands from foreign countries, people are also sent through Bureau of Emigration (BoE) and Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) protected by Protectorate of Immigration. In addition to that people also leave the country through illegal norms for which FIA was responsible. However, M/o Overseas Pakistanis is discouraging the illegal emigrants.

13. Responding to the query asked by Senator Prof. Sajid Mir about registration procedure of Overseas Promoters, Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis informed the Committee that they are registered with M/o Human Resource and Development (HRD) on the recommendation of Bureau of Emigration. He further informed the Committee about complaints cell of M/o Overseas Pakistanis deals with the following assignments:-

- Addresses grievances of overseas Pakistanis, operates through Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs) stationed at 18 Missions abroad.
- Addresses complaints of overseas Pakistanis, a full-fledged Complaint Cell and Welfare Division has been established in Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF).
- In case where Pak Missions do not have any office of the CWA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs is requested to look into the matter to resolve the issue/ dispute through its concerned Pak Mission abroad.

**Nature of Complaints.**

- Property disputes.
- Family disputes.
- Criminal cases/ harassment of overseas Pakistanis and their families in Pakistan.
- Non-payment of service dues.
- Whereabouts of persons detained/ not traceable abroad.
- Electricity, gas, water connections.
- Complaints about departments working at airports.

**Summary of Complaints (2009-2012)**

Year Wise	Cases Received	Previous Balance	Total	Case settled	Cases under process with various departments
2009-10	1093	4668	5764	919	4845
2010-11	956	4845	5801	2813	2988
2011-12	859	2988	3847	1508	2339

The complaints are being addressed through Chief Secretaries and Inspector Generals of Police of respective Provinces. On the request of M/o Overseas Pakistanis regarding appointment of Liaison Officers in all Divisions and Ranges, Province of the Punjab has appointed Additional Commissioners and Senior Superintendents of Police as Liaison Officers in all Divisions and Ranges. However, appointment of

Liaison Officers in other Provinces is under consideration and shall be appointed very soon. He further informed the Committee that M/o Overseas Pakistanis is working actively with Election Commission of Pakistan to finalize the modalities of right of vote to overseas Pakistanis. After convening a serial of meetings with Election Commission authorities, right of vote through ballot is proposed like Armed Forces personnel and officials of other essential service. Postal ballot system will cost US \$ 30 per ballot per vote. Representation to Overseas Pakistanis in National, Provincial Assemblies and Senate is under active consideration of Government of Pakistan. In this regard a summary was initiated for approval of the Prime Minister as well as Federal Cabinet. The Prime Minister of Pakistan has approved the summary. On soliciting the approval of the Federal Cabinet, it will be placed/ tabled before either 'Houses' for enactment.

14. Senator Pervaiz Rashid observed as to why the matter was not placed before the Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis as the Committee was reflection of the Parliament and custodian of the rights of Overseas Pakistanis.

15. The Minister of State for Overseas Pakistanis stated that since the matter related to Overseas Pakistanis for giving them representation in the National and Provincial Assemblies, therefore, it was placed before the Federal Cabinet for approval. On approval it will be referred to the Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. Furthermore, it was also referred to the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Reforms. However, observation of the honourable Member of the Committee has been taken as well.

16. Secretary M/o Overseas Pakistanis continued and informed the Committee that the Ministry is making efforts to establish one window operation for the welfare of overseas Pakistanis. In this regard a draft for formulation of first National Policy has been prepared and submitted to the Federal Cabinet for its approval. Salient features of the proposed policy are as follows:-

- National Policy for Overseas Pakistanis has been prepared which would be placed before the Cabinet for consideration and approval.
- The policy aims to protect, conserve and to provide sustainable tools to improve the quality of life of Overseas Pakistanis and their families.
- Incentives would be provided to Overseas Pakistanis.
- Establishment of the database of Overseas Pakistanis Facilitation Center (OPFC) and National Coordination and Liaison Committee (NCLC) has been envisaged in this Policy.

He further briefed the Committee on Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) and said that OPF was established in the month of March, 1979 under the Emigration Ordinance, 1979. The Foundation was registered on July 08, 1979 as a Company Limited guaranteed under Section 26 of the Companies Act, 1973. The objective of OPF was to advance welfare of the Overseas Pakistanis abroad and their dependents in Pakistan. Overseas Pakistanis who were proceeded abroad after March 23, 1979 on valid protected work visa by the Protectorate of Emigration, Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment Corporation, Government of Pakistan were automatically registered with OPF and could avail the services thereof. Those Overseas Pakistanis who could not be registered with OPF at that time were declared eligible for registration on payment of Rs.2000/- each once for all. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis gave an elaborate overview of working/ performance of OPF.

17. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir asked about the methodology for appointment of Members of Board of Governors. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis responded that they are appointed under the Companies Ordinance. However, Prime Minister of Pakistan can appoint any person as Member BoGs. He further

informed the Committee that under Rules of Business, 1979 the Ministry was made responsible for the promotion of employment and coordination between the employees and employer abroad. But two (02) organizations, Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment Corporation were transferred to M/o Human Resource and Development (HRD) on July 01, 2011 due to which role of M/o Overseas Pakistanis has been squeezed. In this regard a draft summary has been initiated and placed before the Prime Minister of Pakistan for repatriation of said organizations/ departments to M/o Overseas Pakistanis. Placement of BE&OE and OEC under this Ministry is imperative for effective and viable operational activity of the Ministry under Rules of Business, 18973.

18. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir stated that the efforts made by the Ministry for the welfare of overseas Pakistanis was collectively appreciable. He asked Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis if any panel of lawyers exists for providing legal assistance to those Pakistanis who were detained by the host countries for committing criminal or civil offences. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis responded that legal assistance to all such emigrants is provided through Community Welfare Attaches (CWAs). In this regard a welfare revolving fund has been allocated at the disposal of Foreign Missions abroad.

19. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir further asked Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis, if any legal action was initiated against any Overseas Employment Promoter/ Agent who found involve in illegal human trafficking. Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis informed the Committee that some Overseas Employment Promoters for making money, present a rosy picture to those Pakistani emigrants who intend to go to Middle East, Saudi Arabia for employment, take them away and leave there helpless. Such Pakistani emigrants are facilitated with legal aid through our CWAs stationed there. Furthermore, Pakistanis who visit Saudi Arabia on Umrah visa and enter into overstay, surrender themselves in front of Pakistani Consulate in Jeddah or Riyadh are apprehended and shifted to deportation centre. After keeping under custody for 03 weeks, they are airlifted in collaboration with PIA and transfer to Pakistan. But in Europe, issues are of different in nature. There is a happy trend that people travel by sea in ships or launches, land in "Athens" which is base station and disperse. Such apprehended Pakistanis are also facilitated with legal assistance through our CWAs as well Foreign Missions working there. As far as question asked about initiating legal action against illegal overseas promoters/ agents, the cases are referred to FIA through Bureau of Emigration.

20. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Sd/-  
**(Zahid Anwar Siddiqui)**  
Secretary Committee

Sd/-  
**(Mir Muhammad Ali Rind)**  
Chairman,

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2013, IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.4, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis was held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad. **Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind** was in the Chair.

2. The Following members attended the meeting:-

Senator Mrs. Nasreen Jalil	Member
Senator Mrs. Zahida Khan	Member
Senator Malik Najmul Hassan	Member
Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member

List of participants from Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis is at **Annexure - A.**

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- (i) Working of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis, its merger with the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
- (ii) Briefing on working of attached / subordinate departments of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis.
- (iii) Steps taken by the Government of rehabilitation and education of children especially in the Tribal Areas in respect of repatriated Pakistanis.
- (iv) Any other item with the permission of the chair.

4. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar.

5. The Chair welcomed the participants. Thereafter, Mr. Munir Qureshi, Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis took the floor. He gave a detailed presentation on the over all program / working of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis. A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure - B.**

#### (Agenda Item I)

6. The Committee was informed that the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development have been merged vide Cabinet Division Memorandum No.4-8/2013-Min.I, dated 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2013. The Ministry has established 26 Community Welfare Attaches in 18 different countries.

7. According to Mr. Munir Qureshi, a Complaint Cell has been established in the Ministry with the aim of addressing the grievances of Overseas Pakistanis through Community Welfare Attaches. The Ministry is trying to facilitate the Overseas Pakistanis by bringing a positive change in the policy. Regarding insurance policy, the Committee Members opined that the expatriates should be given life time insurance rather than covering only first two years of their stay. While discussing the problems of Overseas Pakistanis, Mr. Qureshi informed the Committee that due to timely

intervention of Pakistani Government the deportation of Pakistanis by the Saudi Government was delayed till November 2013. The Government of Pakistan is positive in receiving considerate stance from the Saudi Government on the issue. It is hoped that 90% of Pakistanis will not be deported and their visa issues will be resolved soon. the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis is trying to provide pension facility to the Overseas Pakistanis on their return because of their pivotal role in the country's economy. It was stated that the expatriates remitted \$13.92 billion with 5.52% increase from the last year.

**(Agenda Item II & III)**

8. At this juncture the Managing Director of Overseas Pakistanis Foundation, Mr. Iftikhar Baber took the floor. (A copy of the presentation is at **Annexure-C**) He briefed the Committee about working / performance of the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation. It was said that the Ministry has provided several educational and residential facilities for Overseas Pakistanis. The Foundation is trying to establish OPF School in FATA. However, the FATA Secretariat alongwith the Political Agent was found reluctant in extending cooperation in this regard. The Committee Chair recommended that OPF Schools should be opened in Turbat and Gawadar to facilitate children of Overseas Pakistanis in the Province. A welcome lounge for Overseas Pakistanis has been established at OPF Head Office in Islamabad.

9. Senator Sajid Mir raised the behavioral issues of the PIA staff toward Pakistanis working in the Middle East. The Ministry was directed to take up the issue with the concerned quarters. The Committee members stressed on improving security services to the overseas Pakistanis to avoid incidents of looting and kidnapping. Senator Nasreen Jalil highlighted the issue of ban on adoption of Pakistani children by the Canadian Government. According to her, the program was aimed at providing best impact on relative and non-relative adoption both. At this point, the Committee was informed that the adoption issue is the prerogative of the Ministry of interior. However, the Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis assured the Committee that he would also look into the matter.

10. After detailed deliberations the Committee made following recommendations:

- The expatriates should be given life time insurance.
- It was recommended that OPF Schools should be opened in the Turbat and Gawadar to facilitate children of Overseas Pakistanis in the Province.
- Best possible security services should be given to the overseas Pakistanis on their return.
- Police deployment or district management force should be deployed for the protection of overseas Pakistanis. In this regard provincial assistance is highly needed.
- Right to vote should be given to the overseas Pakistanis.
- A detailed bench for the facilitation of overseas Pakistan should be formed at all offices of OPF.

11. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Sd/-  
(Zarghoona Shabbir)  
Secretary Committee

Sd/-  
(Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind)  
Acting Chairman

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2014 IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.4, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad. **Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan** chaired the meeting. The following attended the meeting:

Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
Senator Malik Najmul Hassan	Member
Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi	Ex-officio
Member	
Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and HRD	

List of participants from Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development is at **Annexure - A**.

2. The Agenda before the Committee was as under:-
  - (i) To discuss the bill further to amend the Emigration Ordinance, 1979(XVIII of 1979) moved by Honourable Senator Moula Baksh Chandio in the House and referred to the Standing Committee.
  - (ii) Briefing on the ongoing/proposed projects of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (HRD) in the FATA regarding health and education for the families of the people of FATA working abroad.
  - (iii) Any other item with the permission of the chair.
3. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Prof. Sajid Mir.

#### Agenda Item-I

4. The committee decided to defer the **Agenda Item-1** for the next meeting because Senator Moula Baksh Chandio, mover of the bill under discussion could not attend the meeting. However, the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation discussed in general the steps it has taken so far for the welfare of the overseas Pakistanis. The Minister, Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development said that he will support the Committee in every respect and ministry will also work in coordination with the Senate Standing Committee for the betterment of general public.

5. The Committee was briefed that the Overseas Pakistani foundation (OPF) was working to the best of its ability to protect the interests of the Pakistanis living abroad. The Committee was informed that OPF had established a legal cell where competent lawyers were employed to help resolve the legal issues of the overseas Pakistanis. A separate cell was created to resolve problems of overseas Pakistanis by the Supreme Court of Pakistan. They are working forward to have similar facilities in the respected High Courts of all the provinces. While answering a question from Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran the representative of OPF said that lawyers in the OPF panel were based in Pakistan.

6. The performance of welfare attaches' in the foreign countries was discussed in the meeting. The members expressed their dissatisfaction on the issue. The Committee noted that the welfare attaches' were inaccessible for the common men. It was pointed out in the meeting that there was a lack of coordination between Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development. The Minister replied that that he was aware of the situation and various steps were being taken to improve it. Chairman Committee said that there was a lack of accessibility to the services provided by the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and people needed references to get anything done. The Committee was of the opinion that countries wherein majority of working class is present such as Saudi Arabia and U.A.E should be visited by the Minister along with the Committee Members to comprehend the situation on ground in a better way. The Chair seconded the idea by saying that the step would enhance confidence of the people and certainly have a positive impact in general.

7. The issue of deportation of the people from Middle East especially Saudi Arabia was discussed. The Committee was of the opinion that people were deported because of the poor policies of the OPF and Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development. It was further said that the gap created by such a large number of deportations also provided an opportunity of employment to the Pakistanis willing to work abroad. The Ministry for Overseas Pakistanis and HRD should seize this opportunity and create avenues for the unemployed segment of the country.

8. While discussing the importance of overseas Pakistanis the Minister said that they were an asset for Pakistan and their contribution to the economy of the state was very crucial.

### **Agenda Item-II**

9. The Director General Over-seas Pakistanis Foundation briefed the Committee on the functions of the OPF in general, and its current activities and future plan in FATA & Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in particular. He said that chief function of OPF was to establish educational institutions, vocational training centers, housing schemes; providing assistance to the dependents of overseas Pakistanis in times of distress and natural calamities; facilitating incoming and outgoing Pakistanis at the airports; settlement of dues and other claims of overseas Pakistanis; and economic rehabilitation of overseas Pakistani through financial support. The Committee observed that the facilities provided at the airports were sub-standard and the staff was usually missing from the airports.

10. While discussing working of the OPF in FATA, it was informed that OPF has established schools at Hangu, Mansehra, and D.I. Khan. A housing scheme and a vocational training center in Peshawar is another step. Many free eye camps in FATA are providing financial support to the displaced families of the overseas Pakistanis. They are planning to open a school and hospital in every agency along with a housing scheme, subject to the

provision of buildings. OPF is also planning to establish a training facility from where skilled labor could be exported to the Middle East region.

**11.** Chairman Committee was of the view that OPF should pay special attention to the overseas Pakistanis hailing from FATA due to their poverty status. He said that vocational trainings and education will enable those people to find more profitable jobs. By educating the people we could eliminate the menace of terrorism from our country as people would be less vulnerable against the propaganda of the *Non State Actors*. It was opined that through Ministry's sincere efforts, we hope to have International Financial Assistance for the overseas Pakistanis. The Committee Members stressed on finding opportunities around the globe to get the people of Pakistan well equipped financially and technically. In this regard proper training is essential. Overseas employment promoters should be encouraged to provide training to the people who want to work abroad.

**12.** Chairman Committee extended his full cooperation to the Ministry for the welfare of people. It was said that the Ministry should identify opportunities of employment world-wide and make sure that large number of trained Pakistanis could avail those opportunities. Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran said that OPF should run awareness campaigns, provide training to the people, secure the rights of Pakistani workers abroad, and search for long and short-term employment opportunities for them. She said that from Exhibition, 2020, Dubai, the OPF should try to grab advantages as much as possible and train Pakistani workers for their better future.

**13.** The issue regarding remittance card and treatment of Pakistani workers during travel also came under discussion. It was told that the remittance card was issued to the people for remitting a certain amount of money back to Pakistan. Card holders were provided relaxation in custom duties. Purpose of this scheme was to encourage legal transfer of remittances to Pakistan. The Committee members registered their serious reservations on the etiquettes and mannerism of the crew of PIA and other airlines while dealing with Pakistani workers. The Members were of the opinion that the Ministry of overseas Pakistanis should do its best to control such happenings in the future.

**14.** In the end Chairman Committee thanked all the participants and said that the purpose of the Committee was to serve the nation and that the Committee would extend its full support to the Ministry for carrying out welfare work for the people of Pakistan.

**15.** After detailed deliberations the Committee made following recommendations:

- i. Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development should develop an effective system to monitor the working of the welfare attachés.
- ii. Liaison should be established between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Overseas Pakistanis Foundation and both should work in close coordination.
- iii. A joint Committee consisting of members from Ministry of foreign Affairs, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, and Overseas Pakistanis Foundation should be formed to ascertain problems of overseas Pakistanis and to devise strategies in the best interest of Pakistanis living across the border.
- iv. A country-wise report detailing all the cases taken up by the welfare officers should be provided to the Committee.
- v. ACR of the employees should be exchanged between Overseas Pakistanis Foundation and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- vi. Complaint cells should be established in Pakistan as well as in other countries and the relatives of the overseas Pakistanis should also be allowed to file complaints on their behalf.
- vii. Arrangements should be made by the OPF to equip the people going abroad with the knowledge of the rules / language of the respective country where a person is moving forward.
- viii. Accountability procedure of the Employees of the OPF should be enhanced.
- ix. Details of the Housing Society built for the Overseas Pakistanis should be provided to the Committee.
- x. OPF should procure land and buildings in FATA to establish educational facilities for the families of overseas Pakistanis.
- xi. Teachers for the children of overseas Pakistanis should be arranged in FATA.
- xii. OPF should involve the Overseas Pakistani Community for the implementation of its programs in the foreign countries.

16. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Sd/-  
(Zarghoona Shabbir)  
Secretary Committee

Sd/-  
(**Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan**)  
Chairman,  
Senate Standing Committee on Overseas  
Pakistanis and HRD

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2014 IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development was held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad. **Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan** chaired the meeting. The following attended the meeting:

Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
Senator Mrs. Nasreen Jalil	Member
Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash	Member
Senator Moula Bakhsh Chandio	Mover
Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana	Special Invitee

List of participants from Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development is at **Annexure - A**.

2. The Agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- (i) To discuss the Bill further to amend the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 (XVIII of 1979). Briefing on the ongoing/proposed projects of Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (HRD) in the FATA regarding health and education for the families of the people of FATA working abroad.
- (ii) Consideration on the Domestic Workers (Employment Rights) Bill, 2013, moved by Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, in the Senate sitting 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2014.
- (iii) Briefing by Overseas Employment Corporation on its working / performance and latest project in the FATA.
- (iv) Briefing on performance of Workers Welfare Fund for the last five years and their welfare service / ongoing / upcoming development projects in the FATA.

#### **(Pending Business)**

- (v) The House recommends that ban imposed on trade unions in the country will be lifted. Moved by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on 19th January, 2004. Discussion held on 19th July, 2004. The Deputy Chairman after taking sense of the House, referred the subject matter of the resolution the Standing Committee on Labor, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis (devolved after the Constitution Eighteenth Amendment) Act, 2010.
- (vi) Any other item with the permission of the chair.

3. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Moula Bakhsh Chandio.

4. The Chairman welcomed the members and participants of the meeting. He said that the briefing from the Overseas Employment Cooperation and Workers Welfare Fund would help the Members to get a better understanding of the overall issues and achievements of the concerned departments. It was said that the Domestic Workers (Employment Rights) Bill, 2013, will be discussed in the presence of its mover Senator Osman Saifullah Khan in the next meeting. However, documents relating to the same Bill were handed over to the Secretary; Ministry of Overseas Pakistani & HRD for further consultation. Thereafter, a brief introduction was given by the Government functionaries.

#### **Agenda Item-I**

5. While coming to first agenda item Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana alongwith Senator Moula Bakhsh Chandio briefed the Committee about the reason for making of the said amendment in the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 (XVIII of 1979). This Bill was proposed by Senator Moula Bakhsh Chandio in order to protect the properties in Pakistan of the overseas Pakistanis who are striving hard and contributing towards the prosperity of the country. There was a common complaint by the Overseas Pakistanis that since they are living abroad and land mafia and land grabbers find out their properties which are owned by the overseas people and then they manage to take over those properties by illegal possession. The necessity was felt due to serious grievances of the overseas Pakistanis for which the proposed Bill has been prepared.

6. As far as the special law regarding such illegal dispossession is concerned it is already there as under, "Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005". According to the provision of the said Act the law has been promulgated to prevent the illegal possession of the properties etc. The proposed Bill suggests insertion of new section IV 'B' in the Ordinance XVIII of 1979 i.e. Immigration Ordinance 1979 after section IV 'A' as follows.

The following will be inserted:

**“4B. Protection of interests of emigrants against illegal dispossession:- (1)**

Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and overall supervision and control of the Federal Government, upon a complaint received from an emigrant against illegal dispossession of property and after having being satisfied with the supporting documents that complainant has bonafide interest in the property, the Director General Shall,-

- a. within fifteen days of the receipt of complaint, refer the complaint to the Court of Session under the relevant law;
- b. appoint a legal counsel, with the consent of the complainant, to pursue the matter in the court of law; and
- c. take all necessary measures to protect the legal interest of complainant.

(2) The Director General shall submit a quarterly report to the Federal Government regarding status of complaints received under sub-section (1).”

7. This proposed amendment was discussed by all the Members. Regarding the same Mr. Raj Mehmood Baluch, Director (BR & UR) has referred rule 26 of Immigration Rules 1979 under section 16 of Immigration Ordinance 1979 that this rule can take care of the interest of the overseas Pakistanis including their properties.

8. However, the Standing Committee unanimously decided that the proposed Bill will address the grievances of the overseas Pakistanis regarding illegal dispossession / possession of their properties under the supervision of the Overseas Ministry. The rationale behind this proposed Amendment is that the Ministry should be responsible to watch the interests of the

overseas for this particular purpose which cannot be looked- after through general provision of rule 26 of Immigration Rules 1979 under section 16 of Immigration Ordinance 1979 as referred and discussed above by Mr. Raj Mehmood Baluch.

9. The proposed amendment has been approved unanimously by the Committee and the matter be proceeded further accordingly. Senator Moula Bakhsh Chandio thanked the Chair and other Committee Members for their valuable input. He extended his commendations to Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana and Ms. Rabia Anwar, DS for their kind support in the preparation of the Bill.

### **Agenda Item-II**

10. In the absence of Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, the Committee decided to defer the Bill for the next meeting. However, supporting documents relating to the Bill sent by Senator Osman Saifullah were forwarded to the Secretary Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development for consultation.

### **Agenda Item-III**

11. The Committee was apprised that the Overseas Employment Corporation (OEC) is the only public sector recruitment organization in Pakistan. It was established in 1976 and operating under Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Government of Pakistan. The Corporation since establishment has sent over 137,200 workers / professionals to different destination countries. (an average dispatch of 3,600 per annum). Four Regional Offices of OEC are operating in all provincial capitals of the country with head office in Federal Capital, Islamabad. It is governed by a Board of Directors with Minister as Chairman and Secretary of the Ministry as Vice Chairman. The Managing Director is the Chief Executive of the Corporation. It was told that the objective behind its creation was to provide secure, reliable and cost-effective services to jobseekers and overseas employers. In addition to that it was mandated to assist foreign recruiters in recruitment of Pakistani manpower against specific demands and arrange pre-departure trainings where necessary. It also meant to ensure swift dispatch of selected manpower to destination countries.

12. The Committee was informed that the present manpower countries include, KSA, UAE, Kingdom of Oman, Bahrain, Libya, Malaysia, Republic of Korea, Ethiopia and Nigeria. The EPS-Korea is one of the successful program running under the umbrella of Overseas Employees Corporation (OEC). In the said program MOU was signed between Government of Pakistan and Government of Korea for export of Pakistani work force to Republic of Korea. The OEC secured export of manpower from Pakistan to Korea through EPS along with 14 other manpower sending countries and over 4,000 workers have been sent since 2008. There is a strenuous test format which is a common requirement for all the applicants under the patronage of Korean government which includes skills test and special EPS TOPIK. Around 3000 candidates have been trained in Korean Language through OEC' Korean Language Centre's established at Provincial level. The Committee was informed that Pakistan has become 4th country amongst 15 manpower sending countries who are engaged in EPS wherein the Korean government has established computer based testing lab. OEC is facilitating employment opportunities for sizeable number of medical professionals in Middle East every year. For the first time the OEC has secured a demand of over 500 mining workers from Ethiopia and 100 workers have been dispatched. The Committee Members were of the view that such language centers be established in other parts of the country also. At this juncture, Chairman Committee stressed on opening of language / training institutes in FATA to cater to the needs of the applicants. It was further added that FATA people should

be considered on priority in the short listing phase. The Committee commended the efforts of OEC in increasing the employment ratio of Pakistan.

#### **Agenda Item-IV**

**13.** The Committee Members were briefed about the overall performance of the Workers Welfare Fund. It was said that WWF was established under WWF Ordinance 1971. It extends welfare facilities to workers of all the provinces and federal capital. It was informed that federally administrative tribal areas were not covered under the jurisdiction of WWF ordinance 1971. Therefore, welfare facilities were not extended to FATA.

**14.** The administrative powers were being controlled with the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and HRD. Under its mandate housing projects were being financed. The other welfare measures include education - free of cost upto secondary level, scholarships – college / university level, marriage grants and death grants. The completed projects during the last five years include: 855 houses, 2,376 flats, 12 barracks, 9 schools, 2 hospitals and 10 miscellaneous. It was informed that the ongoing projects include: 1,300 houses, 11,236 flats, 242 barracks, 5 schools, 3 hospitals and 9 miscellaneous. During the last five years other welfare schemes which were entertained include: marriage grant:44,407, death grant:5,183, scholarships:62,494. The Committee recommended that details of funds being disbursed for the welfare of the children be sent to the Committee soon. In this respect, province wise breakup alongwith domicile of parents be also mentioned in the details. It was assured by the WWF representative that initial details in this respect would be made available to the Secretariat on the next working day. The Committee was informed that FATA workers also get WWF assistance while working in Punjab and other provinces. The Committee Chair recommended that criteria for granting of scholarships alongwith year wise breakup with mentioning province be made available to the Secretariat soon.

#### **Any other Item**

**15.** Senator Sehar Kamran raised the issue of Pakistani prisoners detained in the Saudi jails. She also laid certain press-clippings highlighting the plight of those prisoners. It was informed that some of the females have given birth to children during detention and certain were still in jails. The Pakistan Embassy did not issue out passes to the families including the children for the reason that the children did not possess the CNIC card. These families were facing great hardships in Saudi Arabia for coming back to Pakistan. The Committee members took serious notice of this pathetic situation. It was decided to constitute a Sub-Committee under the Convenership of Senator Sehar Kamran. The other members include Senator Nasreen Jalil and Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash. Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana would be called in the meeting when and where needed for legal advice. The TORs of the Sub-Committee would be, to probe in the matter relating to Pakistani prisoners living in Saudi jails in particular and other issues pertaining to overseas Pakistanis welfare in general.

**16.** In this regard, the Committee also decided that the Sub-Committee would visit Saudi Arabia to redress the grievances of the overseas Pakistanis. It was directed that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and HRD should extend full cooperation to the Sub-Committee when they visit Saudi Arabia. It was informed that the Members who were visiting Saudi Arabia would pay their expenses at their own. Meanwhile, Senator Sehar Kamran was requested to meet the CWAs and other relevant persons in Saudi Arab during her scheduled visit on 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 to get a first hand information on the said subject matter for the Sub-Committee on the said issues.

17. After detailed deliberations the Committee made following recommendations:

1. A Sub-Committee was formed under the Convener-ship of Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran, wherein issues of Overseas Pakistanis living in Saudi Arabia will be discussed in general and specifically the Sub-Committee would put its efforts to redress the grievances of the Pakistanis detainees in Saudi jails. Other Members of the Sub-Committee include:
  - Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran Convener
  - Senator Mrs. Nasreen Jalil Member
  - Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash Member
2. The Committee Chair directed the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and HRD to extend best possible support to the Sub-Committee within Pakistan and in Saudi Arabia upon their arrival.
3. The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis was directed to provide details of the people who were sent abroad with province wise, district wise and city wise breakup. FATA area should also be included in the list.
4. It was directed to provide details of officers working in the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation alongwith their length of service and postings.
5. It was recommended that availability of machine readable passports facility be provided to Pakistanis at large. In this respect passport offices should be opened in most of the cities of the country.
6. The Committee unanimously approved Emigration Ordinance, 1979 (XVIII of 1979) (Amendment) Bill moved by Senator Moula Baksh Chandio.
7. The Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and HRD was directed to provide fresh and updated information on the issues concerned.
8. The Overseas Employment Corporation was directed to open training centers in FATA to facilitate the people of the said region in the process of any overseas employment scheme in future. It was further directed that in the current EPS-Korea program FATA people should be given priority.
9. The Committee recommended that details of funds being disbursed for the welfare of the children be sent to the Committee soon. In this respect, province wise breakup alongwith domicile of the parents be also mentioned in the details.
10. The Committee Chair recommended that criteria for granting of scholarships alongwith year wise breakup with mentioning province be made available to the Secretariat soon.

18. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

Sd/-  
(Zarghooona Shabbir)  
Secretary Committee

Sd/-  
(Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan)  
Chairman,  
Senate Standing Committee on Overseas  
Pakistanis and HRD

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT ON “THE EMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2013” MOVED BY HONOURABLE SENATOR MOULA BAKHSH CHANDIO IN THE HOUSE AND REFERRED TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE.**

I, Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on “The Emigration (Amendment) Bill, 2013” introduced in the Senate on 28-10-2013 and upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The Committee comprises of the following members:-

1. Senator Engr. Malik Rashid Ahmed Khan	Chairman
2. Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
3. Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
4. Senator Syed Faisal Raza Abidi	Member
5. Senator Nasreen Jalil	Member
6. Senator Mrs. Zahida Parveen	Member
7. Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash	Member
8. Senator Malik Najamul Hassan	Member
9. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
10. Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
11. Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
12. Senator Gulzar Ahmed Khan	Member
13. Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and HRD	Ex-Officio / Member

3. The Committee in its meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 considered the said Bill in detail and approved the same. The following members attended the meeting:-

(1).Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
(2).Senator Mrs. Nasreen Jalil	Member
(3).Senator Abdul Nabi Bangash	Member
(4).Senator Moula Bakhsh Chandio	Mover
(5).Senator Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana	Special Invitee

4. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill as reported by the Standing Committee placed at (Annexure-A) may be passed by the Senate.

Sd/-  
**(Zarghoona Shabbir)**  
Secretary Committee

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