

***SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION***



***Report of the Senate Special Committee to examine overall  
working of the Sports Federations in Pakistan***

***PRESENTED BY***

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## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE STANDING SPECIAL COMMITTEE

I, Convener of the Senate Special Committee to examine overall working of the Sports Federations in Pakistan have the honour to present the report on "to examine overall working of the Sports Federations in Pakistan" constituted by the House for consideration and report thereof.

2. The composition of the Standing Special Committee to examine overall working of the Sports Federations in Pakistan is as under:-

1.	<b>Senator Dr.Ashok Kumar</b>	<b>Convener</b>
2.	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
3.	Senator Agha Shahzaib Khan Durrani	Member
4.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
5.	Senator Murtaza Wahab	Member
6.	Senator Shibli Faraz	Member
7.	Senator Col (R ) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
8.	Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour	Member
9.	Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
10.	Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination	Ex-Officio Member

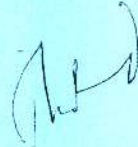
3. The matter was taken up in the meetings of the Standing Committee held on 20.11.2017, 19.01.2018, 02.02.2018 and 26.02.2018.

4. The Committee discussed the matter in detail and finalized its recommendations on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and allowed to submit the report to the House.

### SUMMARY

Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) has been suffering from a pitiable plight since 2005. The deplorable condition is because of the fighting going on between two factions: one faction is led by a former Federal Minister, Makhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat and the other by a former Provincial Minister Mr.Arshad Khan Lodhi. Resultantly both the rival factions are in the court and the litigation is going on in the honorable High Court.

One of the factions led by Makhdoom Syed Fasil Saleh Hayat announced the schedule of elections of the office bearers of PFF on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, but a Writ Petition



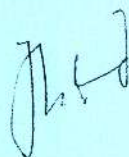
No.15481/2015 filed before the honorable High Court and the honorable Court restrained both the parties from holding the said elections. In flagrant disregard to the restraining orders of the honorable High Court, the elections were held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 declaring Madhdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat as elected President of PFF. The Lahore High Court vide its order dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015 declared the said elections null and void and also, the Lahore High Court appointed Justice( R) Asad Munir as Administrator of the PFF who took over the charge of PFF with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2015.

The decision of the Lahore High Court to appoint the Administrator was communicated to FIFA authorities and AFC with the request to release the allocated funds to PFF. For not being an elected representative, the Administrator appointed by the honorable Court, was not recognized by the FIFA.

The said writ petition was decided by the Lahore High Court, Lahore vide its judgment dated May 03, 2016. According to which an electoral Committee comprising the Secretary, Sports Board Punjab (Member) and Secretary, Sports Board KPK (Member) was formed to hold PFF's elections and the Administrator was required to hand-over the control of the PFF, to the elected President of the PFF.

An Intra Court Appeal (ICA) was made challenging the Lahore High Court judgment dated 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016. The ICA bench restrained to hold election of PFF by the Electoral Committee as ordered by the single bench. After that the ICA disposed of the case vide order dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 directed the Administrator to hand-over the management of PFF to newly elected office bearers. This order could not be implemented as elections of PFF could not be held because of ICA bench's interim order dated 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

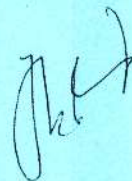
Afterwards a CPLA No.357/2017 (converted to Civil Appeal No.289 of 2017) against the ICA bench's judgment dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017 was filed in the honorable Supreme Court who remanded the cases to the Intra Court bench on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 and also directed the Administrator to continue his services till the final decision of the case.



As a matter of fact, FIFA does not recognize an unelected Administrator appointed by the Court. FIFA wants elections and the only way to revive membership of PFF is to hold elections and elect new office bearers of PFF.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Pakistani youth has the potential to compete at international level and the sports activities can further flourish if the youth has financial patronage from FIFA. Such litigation is a deplorable act on part of both the parties and it has done nothing except creating hindrances and impediments in way of football sports activities. We, as country, have been deprived of the opportunity of representation at the international level. The Committee recommended that Administrator should try to expedite the process of litigation in the court and request the court for an early decision. However, meanwhile the honorable High Court decided the case and revived the football federation under the presidentship of Makdoom Syed Faisal Saleh Hayat.
- 2) The Committee recommended amendments to the Sports (Development and Control) Ordinance, 1962. The document is too old and requires updating.
- 3) The Committee noted with regret that the Ministry did not cooperate with the Committee in probing into the matter that has caused failure of Sports Federations of Pakistan in general and that of the Football Federation, in particular. The Chairman PCB was invited to attend the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, but he did not appear before the Committee nor communicated any reason for his absence whatsoever. The Minister and the Secretary did not turn up in the Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 with the excuse that CCI meeting was to be held on this date. Keeping scarcity of time in view, the Convener of the Committee did not postpone the meeting and no notice of postponement was

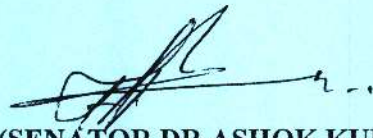


issued. The Committee took cognizance of absence of Ministry and decided to refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

- 4) The Committee recommended that Sports is not a political subject at all and the appointments made on political basis are causing problems and hindrances in way of evolving sports culture in the country. So the Committee recommended that all appointments in Sports Boards including that of PCB should be made essentially on merit basis and professionals should replace the political appointees.



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