

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN HOUSE OF FEDERATION

Report No. 14 of the Committee



REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON "THE NATIONAL COMMISSION  
ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2107"

PRESENTED BY  
SENATOR NASREEN JALIL  
CHAIRPERSON

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## SENATE SECRETARIAT

**Subject:-** **REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
ON "THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2107"**

I, Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights, have honour to present the report on the subject matter referred by the House during the sitting of the Senate held on 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2017. The matter was referred by the House to the Senate Functional Committee on Human Rights for consideration and report.

2. The agenda before the Committee was "Consideration of "The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2107" the Bill was referred to the Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017."

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-


i.	<b>Senator Nasreen Jalil</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
ii.	Senator Ms. Sitara Ayaz	Member
iii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iv.	Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
v.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
vi.	Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
vii.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
viii.	Senator Mrs. Sehar Kamran	Member
ix.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
x.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
xi.	Senator Asif Saeed Kirmani	Member
xii.	Senator Ms. Samina Saeed	Member

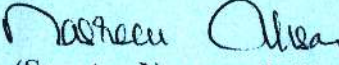
4. Accordingly, the issue was discussed in the meeting of the Functional Committee on Human Rights held on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2017. The following Members attended the meeting.

i.	<b>Senator Nasreen Jalil</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
ii.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
iii.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Member
iv.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
v.	Senator Sehar Kamran	Member



5. The Committee thoroughly discussed the subject matter. The Committee was briefed that the National Commission on the Status of Women was established to protect the rights of women, which is more than half of the total population of the country. It was further updated that the existing law doesn't give time frame to Government to appoint permanent Chairperson of the Commission. Therefore, the effectiveness of the Commission is undermined. The Committee was also updated that the Commission <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ working without a permanent Chairperson for the ~~last~~ so many months.
6. The Committee was further briefed that the passage of subject amendment would give a clear time frame to the Government to appoint Chairperson, to make the Commission more effective.
7. The Committee, therefore, unanimously recommended that the Senate may pass "The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2107" as passed by the National Assembly
8. The Bill as passed by the National Assembly is Annexed.

  
(Malik Arshad Iqbal)  
Secretary Committee

  
(Senator Nasreen Jalil)  
Chairperson Committee



[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) This Act may be called the National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 4, Act VIII of 2012.**- In the National Commission on the Status of Women Act 2012 (VIII of 2012), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in Section 4, after sub-section (5), the following new sub-section shall be added, namely:-

"(6) A vacancy of Chairperson shall be filled in as provided in this Act within thirty days of occurrence of the vacancy."

3. **Amendment of section 8, Act VIII of 2012.**- In the said Act, in Section 8, the expression "or until the appointment of a new Chairperson, whichever is earlier", shall be omitted.

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

The National Commission on the Status of Women was established to protect the rights of women, which is more than half of the total population of the country. It is noteworthy that any statutory body can play its due role, if it is given due/sanctioned workforce. The Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women has central place to make sure results oriented performance of the Commission; however, the law does not give a time frame to the Government to appoint permanent Chairperson of the Commission, therefore, the effectiveness of the Commission is undermined. Likewise, the present Commission has been working without a permanent Chairperson for the last many months. Therefore, it is needed that the existing law of Commission should be amended to give a clear time frame to the Government to appoint Chairperson to make the Commission more effective.

Sd/-

DR. NIKHAT SHAKEEL KHAN,  
Member In-charge