

**SENATE SECRETARIAT**

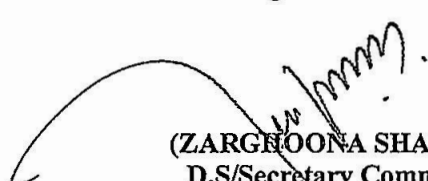
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Islamabad, the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.

**NOTICE**

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on National Food Security & Research will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room No.04, Parliament House, Islamabad. In case of Senate Session in the morning, the meeting will be held at 02:30 p.m.

2. The agenda before the Committee would be as under:-
  - i. The minimum support price for cotton phutti was fixed at 8500 rupees for 40 kg but it is not being implemented and ginneries are purchasing phutti from growers at rates ranging from 6000 to 7200 rupees. What steps is the government taking to implement the decision of minimum support price as picking of cotton has already started since one month.
  - ii. The latest position about steps taken by the Ministry for payment of long dues of salary to employees of Pakistan Central Cotton Committee (PCCC) from cotton cess to be recovered from the Textile Industries.
  - iii. Progress of recovery of cotton cess from the Textile Industries for the last five years as to how much amount is due and how much has been recovered and reasons for non-compliance of the rules.
  - iv. Details of new proposals/schemes submitted by the Ministry for inclusion in PSDP for the year 2023-24.
  - v. Progress report in relation to recommendations of the committee for establishment of following three projects:-
    - a. Development of the high value camel milk powder to earn foreign exchange and improve livelihood of arid area of Pakistan;
    - b. Thar Community Actions for the Management of Sustainable Eco-System, Livestock, land & Livelihood (THAR CAMEL).
    - c. Induction of high value date palm varieties and establish processing plant to increase revenue by export for Pakistan.
  - vi. The Cotton Commissioner to brief the committee whether any new varieties of cotton seed have been evolved which are pest resistant and drought resistant.
  - vii. The D.G Plant Protection Department to submit complete report in the light of the direction given by the committee in the last meeting held on 16th February, 2023 about the filling up vacancies in Plant Protection Department during the last two years with information including total number of vacancies advertised, number of candidates tested/short listed for interviewed, marks obtained and Domicile of candidates. Whether the recruitments have been made in accordance with the law?
  - viii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.
3. Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

  
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| 1. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah               | Chairman          |
| 2. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House | Member            |
| 3. Senator Seemee Ezdi                             | Member            |
| 4. Senator Sania Nishtar                           | Member            |
| 5. Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi                      | Member            |
| 6. Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem              | Member            |
| 7. Senator Naseema Ehsan                           | Member            |
| 8. Senator Kesho Bai                               | Member            |
| 9. Senator Qurat ul Ain Marri                      | Member            |
| 10. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar               | Member            |
| 11. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani                       | Member            |
| 12. Senator Kamran Murtaza                         | Member            |
| 13. Minister for National Food Security & Research | Ex-Officio Member |


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(I) COPY FOR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION TO:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting and ensure the presence of all concerned.
2. P.S. to Minister for National Food Security & Research, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad with the request to inform the Minister to attend the meeting.
3. The Cotton Commissioner, Room No. 418, 4<sup>th</sup> floor Ministry of National Food Security and Research, B-Block Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to kindly attend the meeting alongwith all concerned.
4. The DG, Plant and Protection Department, Jinnah Avenue Malir Halt, Karachi, with the request to kindly attend the meeting alongwith all concerned.
5. The Director, Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, Old Shuja Abad Road, Opposite PTV Station, Shershah Town, Multan, with the request to kindly attend the meeting alongwith all concerned.
6. The Section Officer (Council), Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad. He is requested to provide 35 copies (The soft versions may be emailed to:-Committee2@senate.gov.pk) of the working paper in Urdu and English along with list of participants to this Secretariat at the earliest. In case said material is not received at least two working days before the Committee meeting, it will be treated as **NOT RECEIVED**.
7. The Executive Director (FGPC), Islamabad with the request to make necessary medical arrangements in the Parliament House.
8. The Director (Automation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for operating of Multi-Media in the meeting and for SMS.
9. The Director News, PTV, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for the T.V coverage of the meeting.
10. The Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for the issuance of Press Release and TV coverage of the meeting.
11. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to facilitate entry of the participants and official coverage team (PID & PTV Cameramen), into the Parliament House.

(II) COPY ALSO FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION TO:-

1. The Attorney General for Pakistan.
2. The Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue, Islamabad.
3. The Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Islamabad.
6. The Joint Secretary (Com), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
7. The Principal Secretary to Chairman Senate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
8. The Deputy Secretary (Admn.), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
9. The Deputy Secretary (Committees), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
10. The Director Staff to Deputy Chairman, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
11. The Director Staff to Leader of the House, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
12. The Sr. Director Staff to Leader of the Opposition, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
13. The Director General (Automation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
14. The Director (Research) Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
15. All Directors Staff to Chairpersons, Standing / Functional Committees, Senate Block # C, Islamabad.
16. The Sr. Finance & Accounts Officer, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
17. The Deputy Director (Library), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
18. The Deputy Director, (Protocol/Cafeteria Manager), Parliament House, Islamabad.
19. The Deputy Director (Civil/Electrical), CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad.
20. The Parliamentary Reporter Association (PRA), Parliament House, Islamabad.
21. The Ladies Senator's Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
22. The Sub-Engineer (Civil), CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad.
23. The Deputy Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
24. The Senator's Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
25. The Engineer In-charge, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
26. The Medical Officer, Parliament House, Islamabad.
27. The Information Officer (Senate) P.I.D, Islamabad.
28. The IT Branch /Annunciator, Parliament House, Islamabad.

  
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