

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES



House of the Federation

“THE CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022”

Presented by:

SENATOR QURATULAIN MARRI
Chairperson

Senate Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives

Report No. 2/2024-27

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES ON "THE CHINA PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR AUTHORITY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2022", INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR ON 7th FEBRUARY, 2022 AND REFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT

I, Senator Quratulain Marri, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, has the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on "The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022", introduced by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir on 7th February, 2022 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report ".

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

i) Senator Quratulain Marri	Chairperson
ii) Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
iii) Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
iv) Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
v) Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
vi) Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member
vii) Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan	Member
viii) Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani	Member
ix) Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
x) Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
xi) Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill in its meetings held on 8th August, 5th September, 2nd October, 2024. The Committee again took up the Bill in its meeting held on 5th December, 2024, which was attended by the following Members;

i) Senator Quratulain Marri	Chairperson
ii) Senator Jam Saifullah Khan	Member
iii) Senator Shahadat Awan	Member
iv) Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
v) Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Member

4. The Bill as introduced in Senate was discussed and deliberated in Committee meetings. The Chair apprised the Members that The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022, was introduced by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir on 7th February, 2022 and has been referred to Committee for consideration and report.

5. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, Mover of the Bill, submitted to the Committee his statement of objects and reasons for introduction of the Bill. The Mover informed that the aim of the Bill is to provide for public and political representation in CPEC Authority in order to reflect provincial diversity. Moreover, elected representatives are placed on Boards of Federal Authorities with the objective to safeguard interests of their electorates and to keep general public updated on policy formulation.

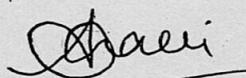
6. Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives informed that the Ministry submitted a Summary for the Prime Minister for in principal approval to initiate the process to repeal the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act through a Repeal Bill as the Authority has been dysfunctional since its inception. Subsequently, the Prime Minister desired that the matter be placed before the Committee on Right-sizing of the Federal Government for its consideration. Moreover, the Ministry has recommended to the Committee on Right-sizing to repeal the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act through a Repeal Bill in Working paper to be placed before the said Committee.

7. Thereafter, the Committee initiated deliberation on the Bill in detail and opined that the Bill is important in ensuring representation of elected representative in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority.

8. Accordingly, in the light of detailed discussion, the Committee unanimously voted in favour of the Bill and recommended that "The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022", as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. Copy of the Bill as introduced in the Senate is at **Annex – A**.



(HASSAN FAROOQ DAR)
Section Officer/ Secretary
Committee



(SENATOR QURATULAIN MARRI)
Chairperson
Senate Standing Committee on Planning, Development
and Special Initiatives

Islamabad, the
10th December, 2024.

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further to amend the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act, 2021

WHEREAS It is expedient further to amend the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act, 2021 (V of 2021) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 5, Act V of 2021.- In the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act, 2021 (V of 2021), hereinafter referred to the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (1), for the expression "six other Members", occurring in the third line, the expression "eight other Members out of whom one shall be a Senator and one Member National Assembly, nominated by the Chairman Senate and the Speaker National Assembly, as the case may be." shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 7, Act V of 2021,- In the said Act, in section 7, in sub-section (3), for the full stop "." occurring at the end, a colon ":" shall be substituted, and thereafter the following proviso shall be inserted, namely:-

"Provided that amongst the six members, other than a Senator and Member National Assembly, appointed under sub-section (1), at least one member shall be appointed from each province."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Elected representatives are required to be on the Boards of Federal Authorities so as to safeguard the interests of their electorates and be the voice of general public in policy formulation. At the same time, representation of the provinces implies that provincial interests can be expressed and safeguarded in an organization or Authority and pressed to maximum advantage, keeping in mind the common weal that all citizens of Pakistan seek. Hence, provincialized Federal Institutions need to be considered to have considerable employment implications, especially in the public service area. The amendments in this Act provide for prescribing public and political representation in the Federal Government Authority, so that it reflects and represents the provincial diversity.

SENATOR MOHAMMAD ABDUL QADIR
Member-In-Charge