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List of Abbreviations

Acronyms	Abbreviations
APA	Asian Parliamentary Association
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
FC	Functional Committee
HE	His Excellency
HH	His Highness
IPR	International Parliamentary Relations
IPU	Inter-Parliamentary Union
IPC	International Parliamentarians' Congress
LDU	Legislative Drafting Unit
NA	National Assembly
NPDC	National Parliamentary Development Course
PC	Parliamentary Committee
PDU	Project Development Unit
PIPS	Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services
PPT	Public Petition Table
PUIC	Parliamentary Union of the OIC Member States
PY	Parliamentary Year
SC	Standing Committee
UN	United Nations

Definitions

“Adviser” means a person appointed as Adviser under Article 93 of the Constitution;

“Amendment” means a motion to amend an earlier motion, before that earlier motion is put to the Senate for its decision;

“Assembly” means the National Assembly;

“Bill” means a motion for making a law;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Senate and includes the Deputy Chairman or in relation to a particular sitting, any other member when acting or performing the function of the Chairman;

“Committee” means a Committee constituted under the rules;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

“Gazette” means the Gazette of Pakistan;

“Government” means the Federal Government;

“House” means the Senate;

“Leader of the House” means the Prime Minister or a member appointed by him to represent Government and regulate Government business in the Senate when the Prime Minister is not sitting in the House;

“Leader of the Opposition” means a member of the House, who enjoys the support of the majority of the members in opposition to the Government in the House, and is declared as such by the Chairman of the Senate;

“Member” means a member of the Senate;

“Member-In-Charge” means, in the case of a Government Bill, a Minister or an Adviser and, in any other case, the member who has introduced the Bill or a member authorised by him in writing to assume charge of the Bill;

“Minister” means the Prime Minister, a Federal Minister or a Minister of State;

“Motion” means a proposal made by a member or a Minister or an Adviser relating to any matter which may be discussed by the Senate and includes an amendment;

“Orders of the Day” means the list of business to be brought before the Senate on any day;

“Presiding officer” means, in relation to a sitting, any person who is presiding over that sitting;

“Private member” means a member other than a Minister or an Adviser;

“Resolution” means a motion for the purpose of discussing and expressing an opinion on a matter of general public interest and includes a resolution specified in the Constitution;

“Schedule” means a schedule appended to the rules;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the Senate and includes any person for the time being performing the functions of the Secretary;

“Session” means the period commencing on the day of the first sitting of the Senate after having been summoned and ending on the day it is prorogued;

“Sitting” means the meeting of the Senate or a Committee from the commencement of its business to the termination of the business for the day;

“Standing Orders” means the written Orders of the Chairman notified by the Senate Secretariat;

“Starred Question” means a question for an oral answer; and

“Unstarred Question” means a question for a written answer.

Message from the Chairman



The Senate of Pakistan, as the House of Federation, has remained resolute in its constitutional role of fostering national unity, upholding democratic principles, and ensuring robust parliamentary oversight. The Parliamentary Year 2024-25 has been a defining period, marked by legislative dynamism, policy direction, and an unwavering commitment to institutional strengthening. Assuming office as Chairman Senate on April 9, 2024, has been both an honor and a responsibility—one that has been met with a firm commitment to fortifying parliamentary democracy, advancing governance reforms, and

amplifying Pakistan's voice on the global stage. It is with great pride that I reflect upon the achievements of this august House during my first year as Chairman Senate.

In this parliamentary year, the Senate has remained steadfast in its constitutional duty, undertaking significant legislative initiatives to promote good governance, judicial transparency, electoral reforms, and economic stability. Key legislative measures focused on combating human trafficking, strengthening legal safeguards for victims of violence, and laying the foundation for e-governance and digital security. Additionally, the Senate provided crucial policy directions to the government through impactful resolutions on issues of national and global significance, including the rights of Kashmiris and Palestinians, climate action, and electoral integrity.

A progressive and inclusive democracy is one where women play a central role in governance and decision-making. The Senate has taken significant steps to advance gender-responsive legislation, ensuring stronger legal protections against harassment, workplace discrimination, and gender-based violence. Women parliamentarians have actively contributed to legislative discourse, committee work, and policy development, reinforcing the principle of gender inclusivity in governance. Institutional reforms within the Senate Secretariat have also been undertaken to create a more gender-balanced parliamentary ecosystem, ensuring that legislative processes reflect the aspirations and rights of all citizens.

A key focus of my tenure has been to enhance the role of Senate Committees; restoring their autonomy, expanding their oversight mechanisms, and enabling them to function more effectively. The revival of the Senate's Committee on Human Rights as a functional committee, with greater powers, reflects our commitment to strengthening parliamentary accountability. Committees have also been empowered through virtual platforms, allowing for broader participation and efficient decision-making.

The Senate has led discussions on pressing national issues, including the impact of climate change on agriculture, taxation policies, economic stabilization, and digital transformation.

Parliamentary oversight of government policies has been strengthened, ensuring that legislative actions are aligned with public interest and national development objectives.

Parliamentary diplomacy has been a key pillar of engagement, strengthening Pakistan's position on global forums. Strategic ties with legislative bodies in the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Austria, Ireland, and Azerbaijan have reinforced economic cooperation, trade partnerships, and regional stability. Hosting high-level parliamentary delegations and engaging in meaningful diplomatic dialogues have amplified Pakistan's stance on key international issues, including peace, security, human rights, and global governance. Visits by esteemed dignitaries, including Her Excellency Valentina Matviyenko, Speaker of the Federation Council of the Russian Federation, and the Spanish parliamentary delegation, as well as active participation in forums such as the 15th Plenary of the Asian Parliamentary Assembly in Baku, Azerbaijan, have positioned the Senate as a strong advocate for parliamentary diplomacy and multilateral cooperation. Productive engagements with Azerbaijan's leadership and delegations from Bahrain, Oman, and Iran have further strengthened bilateral relations and explored avenues for mutual benefit.

In line with the vision for a modern, efficient, and technologically advanced institution, the Senate has embraced digitalization to enhance transparency, efficiency, and accessibility. The implementation of the Legislative Business Management System has revolutionized parliamentary procedures, ensuring seamless tracking of bills, motions, and debates. With a commitment to e-governance, the Senate is paving the way for a paperless, technology-driven legislative process, aligning with global best practices and national aspirations for digital transformation.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear: to uphold the sanctity of the Senate, to legislate for the prosperity of our people, and to ensure that democratic governance remains responsive to the needs of all citizens. Women's empowerment, social justice, economic resilience, and institutional reforms will continue to be at the heart of our agenda.

The Senate of Pakistan stands firm as the custodian of democratic values, a champion of constitutional supremacy, and a guardian of national interests. It is through unity, perseverance, and visionary leadership that we shall continue to strengthen our parliamentary traditions and build a future that is inclusive, progressive, and prosperous.

Sincerely,
(Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Executive Summary

The Senate of Pakistan's Annual Parliamentary Report 2024-2025 presents a comprehensive overview of the legislative, oversight, diplomatic and internal activities, progress and achievements of the Upper House. This period saw significant parliamentary contributions, legislative advancements, and efforts to strengthen democratic governance. The report encapsulates the work done till the completion of the parliamentary year on 11th March 2025, covering the 347th Senate session.

The Senate, under the leadership of Hon'ble Chairman Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, emphasized legislative reforms, digital transformation, and parliamentary diplomacy. The House passed 12 government bills and 11 private members' bills, addressing critical areas such as digital governance, electoral reforms, labor rights, and human trafficking. Efforts were also directed at judicial transparency and economic revitalization.

This report has 24 Chapters reflecting the performance of the Senate Secretariat's branches and directorates. Chapter 1 is about the Legislation Branch which provides a brief overview of the legislative business of the House. During this period 12 Senate sessions and 3 joint sittings were held, totaling 111 working days. A total of 17 government bills were introduced out of which 12 passed and 42 private members' bills were introduced out of which 11 passed. During this period the Senate also passed the 26th Constitutional Amendment.

Chapters 2 and 3 of the report reflect the oversight activity of the House through Question, Motion, and Resolution. A total of 1,057 starred questions were received, out of which 809 were admitted, 195 disallowed, and 53 lapsed. Of the admitted questions, 313 were replied to, while 60 were deferred. Similarly, 111 un-starred questions were received, with 55 admitted, 50 disallowed, and 23 replied to. The Upper House also handled 116 resolutions, of which 43 were admitted, 52 disallowed, and 17 successfully passed. Notably, these resolutions covered a range of critical issues, including national security, international relations, infrastructure development, and human rights. Additionally, a motion under Rule 60 was received, but lapsed.

Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 7 reflect, on processing various motions, calling attention notices, privilege motions, and adjournment motions. Under Rule 218, 146 motions were received. Of these, 87 motions lapsed despite admission, while only one was referred to the Senate Standing Committee. Similarly, 192 Calling Attention Notices were submitted. Of these, 25 were discussed in the House, while 33 were disallowed. The year also saw eight privilege motions, with four referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privilege. Additionally, 29 adjournment motions were filed.

Chapter 8 reflects the performance and highlights the significant contributions of the Senate Committees in legislative oversight, policy development, and governance improvements across various sectors in Pakistan. Throughout the year, Standing, Functional, Parliamentary, Special, and other Committees actively engaged in addressing key national issues, proposing legislative amendments, and ensuring accountability in public administration. A total of 39 standing and functional committees were active, conducting a total of 242 meetings during the period.

Chapter 9 highlights the Senate of Pakistan's active engagement in global parliamentary diplomacy. The IPR Branch facilitated Pakistan's representation in major international parliamentary forums, including the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), and Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA). The IPR coordinated 26 parliamentary delegations for outbound visits.

The formation of 76 Parliamentary Friendship Groups and the signing of an MoU with the Russian Federation underscored efforts to enhance inter-parliamentary cooperation. A significant highlight of the report is the extensive diplomatic outreach of Chairman Senate, Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani, who undertook multiple high-level visits to strengthen Pakistan's global ties.

Chapter 10 highlights the activities of the Parliamentary Development Unit (PDU). In 2024-25, PDU conducted several key initiatives, including an orientation program for newly-elected senators, a pre-budget session on the economy, and a high-level international visit to Austria and Ireland to study Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs).

Chapter 11 overviews the Administration Branch of the Senate Secretariat that has undertaken significant modernization and efficiency-enhancing measures during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025. Key initiatives include the implementation of an e-tendering system for procurement, ensuring transparency and cost-effectiveness, and the introduction of an e-inventory system to streamline record-keeping and distribution.

Chapter 12 reflects the steps taken by the Services Branch. The Branch provides facilities and services to Senators including accommodation arrangements at Parliament Lodges and Government Hostels, repair and maintenance coordination, and medical entitlements under Federal Services Medical Attendance Rules, 1990.

Chapter 13 highlights the various visits organized to the Senate of Pakistan during the year 2024-25. A total of 51 visits were conducted, involving 2,383 participants, including students, faculty members, government officials, foreign dignitaries, and parliamentary delegations.

Chapters 14 and 15 highlight the performance of the Research Directorate and Library of the Senate of Pakistan. The Research Directorate successfully delivered research briefs, background papers, country profiles, fact sheets, and talking points for both local and international engagements. It also played a key role in drafting speeches and statements for the parliamentary leadership. Additionally, the Library Directorate provided support and assistance to the Members and the Secretariat by providing books, reports, journals etc.

Chapter 16 highlights the Reporting Directorate's role in documenting and publishing Senate proceedings. Throughout the parliamentary year, the directorate successfully prepared and finalized verbatim reports and debate summaries for multiple sessions, ensuring timely updates on the Senate website.

Chapter 17 highlights the PPT report during the year and its role in promoting public engagement by allowing citizens to submit concerns for parliamentary consideration. During the year, 473 petitions were received, of which 83 were admitted and referred to Senate Committees, while 390 were deemed inadmissible. Among the referred petitions, 26 were resolved, and 57 remain under review.

Chapter 18 of this report reflects the Media Directorate's activities. It played a pivotal role during the parliamentary year 2024-2025 by effectively promoting the activities of the Senate, its committees, and various official engagements. Serving as the primary point of contact for the press and media representatives, the directorate ensured the timely and accurate dissemination of information, enhancing public awareness of the Senate's work.

Chapter 19 highlights the activities of the Legislative Drafting Unit (LDU) of the Senate of Pakistan. During the parliamentary year, the LDU drafted 40 Private Members' Bills and reviewed 41 Private Members' Bills. The LDU also extended its support to various Standing, Functional, and Special Committees, contributing to the discussion of 42 bills across different sectors.

Chapter 20, the Editing Directorate's Annual Report for 2024-25, highlights its crucial role in refining and finalizing Senate proceedings. The directorate works closely with the Reporting Directorate to provide an initial verbatim record within 24 hours, which is later edited and published as the Official Report of Senate Debates.

Chapter 21 shows the activities of the Translation Directorate, which played a vital role in supporting the legislative process by translating a variety of parliamentary documents during the reporting period. The branch ensured that key legislative materials, including government bills, private members' bills, and other parliamentary documents, were translated to facilitate effective communication and understanding among lawmakers and stakeholders.

Chapter 22 highlights significant advancements in digital transformation within the Senate of Pakistan through the IT Directorate. Directorate has successfully implemented automation solutions to streamline legislative and administrative processes.

Chapter 23 reflects the Finance & Accounts Branch's progress during the year. It conducted Senate Finance Committee meetings, approving budgetary matters and welfare fund disbursements. Payments for salaries, allowances, and medical claims were processed in accordance with parliamentary regulations. In last, chapter 24, the Human Resource Management (HRM) Branch of the Senate's progress is given. Key achievements included enhanced employee development through specialized training programs. The long-suspended Internship Program was successfully revived, with 352 students gaining valuable exposure to Senate operations.

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1. LEGISLATION

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Total Senate Sessions	12
Joint Sittings	03
Number of Working Days	111
Number of Actual Sittings	66
Number of Private Member's Days	11
Maximum Attendance	78 on 09-04-2024(336 th Session)
Minimum Attendance	21 on 25-10-2024(343 rd Session)
Average Attendance	56 Average per Sitting
Percentage of Attendance	58 Percentage per Sitting
Total Hours of Sittings	139 Hours 24 Minutes
Maximum Hours of Sittings	05 Hours 27 Minutes on 22/05/2024 (338 th Session)
Minimum Hours of Sittings	12 Minutes on 24/01/2025 (345 th Session)
Average Hours per Sitting	2 Hours 14 Minutes

1.2. ATTENDANCE-WISE TOP TEN SENATORS

S.No	Senator Names	Province	Present Days
1	Syed Masroor Ahsan	Sindh	62
2.	Mr. Kamil Ali Agha	Punjab	59
3.	Mr. Hidayatullah Khan	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	59
4	Mr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto	Sindh	59
5	Ms. Husna Bano	Balochistan	59
6	Mr. Dost Ali Jassar	Sindh	58
7	Mr. Shahadat Awan	Sindh	57
8	Mr. Poonjo Bheel	Sindh	57
9	Mr. Pervaiz Rasheed	Punjab	56
10	Mr. Khalil Tahir	Punjab	54

**1.3. DURATION OF PRESIDING TIME DURING PARLIAMENTARY YEAR
2024-2025 TILL 11th March 2025**

Duration of Presiding Time during Parliamentary year 2024-2025

S.No	Session	Date	Start Time	Adjourned Time	Duration	Duration in Words	Chairman	Deputy Chairman	Presiding Officer
1	336	09/04/2024	9:10:00 AM	1:05:00 PM	3:55	3 Hours 55 Minutes			3 Hours 55 Minutes
2	337	25/4/2024	4:05:00 PM	7:15:00 PM	3:10	3 Hours 10 Minutes	3 Hours 10 Minutes		
3	337	26/4/2024	11:06:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	1:54	1 Hours 54 Minutes	1 Hours 54 Minutes		
4	337	29/4/2024	5:00:00 PM	9:15:00 PM	4:15	4 Hours 15 Minutes	4 Hours 15 Minutes		
5	338	21/5/2024	5:10:00 PM	8:02:00 PM	2:52	2 Hours 52 Minutes		18 Minutes	2 Hours 34 Minutes
6	338	22/5/2024	10:35:00 AM	3:07:00 PM	4:32	4 Hours 32 Minutes		1 Hour 25 Minutes	3 Hours 07 Minutes
7	338	24/5/2024	10:35:00 AM	11:57:00 AM	1:22	1 Hour 22 Minutes		1 Hour 22 Minutes	
8	339	06/07/2024	10:47:00 AM	11:44:00 AM	0:57	0 Hour 57 Minutes	38 Minutes		19 Minutes
9	339	06/10/2024	5:10:00 PM	7:52:00 PM	2:42	2 Hours	1 Hour 40	1 Hours 2 Minutes	

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						42 Minut es	Minut es		
10	339	06/11/2024	5:07:00 PM	8:07:00 PM	3:00	3 Hours 00 Minut es	2 Hours 3 Minut es		57Minute s
11	339	06/12/2024	7:13:00 PM	7:30:00 PM	0:17	0 Hour 17 Minut es	17 Minut es		
12	339	13/6/2024	10:50:00 AM	5:25:00 PM	6:35	6 Hours 35 Minut es	1 Hour 20 Minut es	5 Hours 15Minute s	
13	339	14/6/2024	10:46:00 AM	12:57:00 PM	2:11	2 Hours 11 Minut es	2 Hours 11 Minut es		
14	339	20/6/2024	5:07:00 PM	7:23:00 PM	2:16	2 Hours 16 Minut es		2 Hours 16 Minutes	
15	339	21/6/2024	10:55:00 AM	1:00:00 PM	2:05	2 Hours 05 Minut es	20 Minut es	1 Hour 45 Minutes	
16	339	24/6/2024	5:10:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	2:50	2 Hours 50 Minut es		2 Hours 50 Minutes	
17	339	25/6/2024	3:07:00 PM	4:15:00 PM	1:08	1 Hours 08 Minut es	1 Hours 08 Minut es		
18	340	07/04/2024	5:10:00 PM	7:39:00 PM	2:29	2 Hours 29 Minut es	1 Hour 20 Minut es	1 Hours 9 Minutes	
19	340	07/05/2024	10:40:00 AM	12:56:00 PM	2:16	2 Hours 16 Minut es	2 Hours 16 Minut es		

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20	341	08/05/20 24	5:17:00 PM	6:17:00 PM	1:00	1 Hours 00 Minut es	1 Hours		
21	341	08/06/20 24	5:14:00 PM	6:44:00 PM	1:30	1 Hours 30 Minut es	1 Hours 25 Minut es		5 Minutes
22	341	08/09/20 24	10:35:0 0 AM	11:05:0 0 AM	0:30	0 Hours 30 Minut es		30minut es	
23	342	27/8/2024	5:10:00 PM	9:15:00 PM	4:05	4 Hours 05 Minut es	2 Hours 35 Minut es	1 Hours 30 Minutes	
24	342	30/8/202 4	10:47:0 0 AM	12:40:0 0 PM	1:53	1 Hours 53 Minut es			1 Hours 53 Minutes
25	342	09/02/20 24	5:00:0 0 PM	8:10:00 PM	3:10	3 Hours 10 Minut es	1 Hours 55 Minut es		1 Hours 15 Minutes
26	342	09/05/20 24	10:38:0 0 AM	2:10:00 PM	3:32	3 Hours 32 Minut es	2Hour s 57 Minut es		35 Minutes
27	342	09/06/20 24	10:43:0 0 AM	12:47:0 0 PM	2:04	2 Hours 04 Minut es			2 Hours 04 Minutes
28	342	09/09/20 24	5:06:00 PM	7:34:00 PM	2:28	2 Hours 28 Minut es			2 Hours 28 Minutes
29	342	09/10/202 4	3:03:00 PM	5:52:00 PM	2:49	2 Hours 49 Minut es	1 Hours 10 Minut es	1 Hours 39 Minutes	
30	342	09/12/202 4	3:08:0 0 PM	7:20:00 PM	4:12	4 Hours 12	2 Hour 5	2 Hours 07 Minutes	

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						Minut es	Minut es		
31	342	13/9/2024	10:35:0 0 AM	11:40:0 0 AM	1:05	1 Hour 05 Minut es		1 Hour 05 Minutes	
32	342	14/9/2024	4:05:00 PM	5:40:00 PM	1:35	1 Hour 35 Minut es	1 Hour 35 Minut es		
33	342	16/9/2024	12:40:0 0 PM	12:55:0 0 PM	0:15	0 Hour 15 Minut es		15 Minutes	
34	343	17/10/202 4	4:13:00 PM	5:57:00 PM	1:44	1 Hour 44 Minut es	1 Hour 28 Minut es	16 Minutes	
35	343	18/10/202 4	6:20:00 PM	8:27:00 PM	2:07	2 Hours 07 Minut es	1 Hours 07 Minut es	1 Hour	
36	343	19/10/202 4	11:05:0 0 PM	11:56:0 0 PM	0:51	0 Hour 51 Minut es		51 Minutes	
37	343	20/10/202 4	5:20:00 PM	9:02:00 PM	3:42	3 Hours 42 Minut es	3 Hours 42 Minut es		
38	343	22/10/202 4	4:16:00 PM	4:42:00 PM	0:26	0 Hour 26 Minut es			26 Minutes
39	343	25/10/202 4	10:40:0 0 AM	11:42:0 0 AM	1:02	1 Hour 02 Minut es			1 Hour 02 Minutes
40	343	28/10/202 4	5:20:00 PM	6:30:00 PM	1:10	1 Hour 10 Minut es	1 Hour 10 Minut es		
41	343	29/10/202 4	11:02:0 0 AM	1:52:00 PM	2:50	2 Hours 50 Minut es	1 Hour 02 Minut es		1 Hour 48 Minutes
42	343	11/01/202 4	10:44:0 0 AM	12:34:0 0 PM	1:50	1 Hour 50 Minut es		1 Hour 50 Minutes	

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43	343	11/04/2024	7:32:00 PM	9:05:00 PM	1:33	1 Hour 33 Minutes			1 Hour 33 Minutes
44	343	11/11/2024	4:33:00 PM	7:45:00 PM	3:12	3 Hours 12 Minutes			3 Hours 12 Minutes
45	344	12/12/2024	4:03:00 PM	7:00:00 PM	2:57	2 Hours 57 Minutes	1 Hour 02 Minutes		1 Hour 55 Minutes
46	344	13/12/2024	10:37:00 AM	12:52:00 PM	2:15	2 Hours 15 Minutes			2 Hours 15 Minutes
47	344	16/12/2024	4:15:00 PM	6:15:00 PM	2:00	2 Hours 00 Minutes	2 Hours		
48	344	19/12/2024	4:35:00 PM	6:12:00 PM	1:37	1 Hour 37 Minutes	1 Hour 37 Minutes		
49	345	14/1/2025	4:04:00 PM	5:50:00 PM	1:46	1 Hour 46 Minutes	1 Hour 46 Minutes		
50	345	15/1/2025	11:30:00 AM	2:15:00 PM	2:45	2 Hours 45 Minutes		2 Hours 45 Minutes	
51	345	17/1/2025	11:20:00 AM	12:00:00 PM	0:40	0 Hour 40 Minutes		40 Minutes	
52	345	20/1/2025	4:20:00 PM	7:05:00 PM	2:45	2 Hours 45 Minutes		2 Hours 45 Minutes	
53	345	21/1/2025	11:44:00 AM	3:38:00 PM	3:54	3 Hours 54 Minutes		3 Hours 54 Minutes	
54	345	24/1/2025 #	2:36:00 PM	2:48:00 PM	0:12	0 Hour 12		12 Minutes	

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						Minut es			
55	345	27/1/2025	4:06:00 PM	5:25:00 PM	1:19	1 Hour 19 Minut es		1 Hour 19 Minutes	
56	345	28/1/2025	11:40:0 0 AM	1:40:00 PM	2:00	2 Hours 00 Minut es		2 Hours	
57	346	13/02/202 5	4:25:00 PM	5:57:00 PM	1:32	1 Hour 32 Minut es		1 Hour 32Minut es	
58	346	14/02/202 5	10:40:0 0 AM	12:00:0 0 PM	1:20	1 Hour 20 Minut es			1 Hour 20Minut es
59	346	17/02/202 5	4:39:00 PM	5:45:00 PM	1:06	1 Hour 06 Minut es		1 Hour 06Minut es	
60	346	18/02/202 5	11:45 am	12:55 pm	1:10	1 Hour 10 Minut es		1 Hour 10Minute s	
61	346	21/02/202 5	10:49A M	12:07P M	1:18	1 Hours 18 Minut es		1 Hours 18 Minutes	
62	347	03/06/20 25	12:00 Noon	1:27:00 PM	1:27	1 Hour 27 Minut es			1 Hour 27 Minutes
63	347	03/08/20 25	12:02:0 0 PM	2:02:00 PM	2:00	2 Hours	2 Hours		
64	347	03/11/202 5	11:38:0 0 AM	2:15:00 AM	2:37	2 Hours 37 Minut es	1 Hours 17 Minut es		1 Hours 20 Minutes
				Total:		137 Hours 56 Minut es	54 Hours 5 Minut es	48 Hours 51 Minutes	35 Hour 00 Minutes

1.4. DURATION OF PRESIDING TIME OF JOINT SESSION DURING PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-2025

Duration of Presiding Time of Joint Session during Parliamentary year 2024-2025

# Senate and Joint Session on the same dates.									
S.No	Session	Date	Start Time	Adjourned Time	Duration	Duration in Words	Speaker	Presided by Chairman	Presiding Officer
1	Joint	18/4/2024	4:15 pm	4:45PM	0:30	0 Hours 30 Minutes	30 Minutes		
2	Joint	24/1/2025#	11:15 am	11:32 am	0:17	0 Hours 17 Minutes	17 Minutes		
3	Joint	03/10/2025	3:10 pm	3:51 pm	0:41	0 Hour 41 Minutes	41 Minutes		
				Total	1:28	1 Hours 28 Minutes	47 Minutes		
				Grand Total		139 Hours 24 Minutes			

1.5. STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF SENATE SESSIONS, DATES OF SUMMONING, AND PROROGATION OF THE SESSIONS ALONG WITH ACTUAL SITTINGS AND NUMBER OF WORKING DAYS DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-2025.

SL. NO	SESSION NUMBER	SUMMONED ON	PROROGUED ON	ACTUAL SITTINGS	NO. OF WORKING DAYS	REMARKS
1.	336 th	09-04-2024	09-04-2024	01	01	Oath by the newly elected Senators. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman Senate.
2.	Joint Sitting	18-04-2024	18-04-2024	01	01	President's address to the Joint Sitting.
3.	337 th	25-04-2024	29-04-2024	03	05	
4.	338 th	21-05-2024	24-05-2024	03	04	

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5.	339 th	07-06-2024	25-06-2024	10	14	Break from 15 th to 19 th June 2024 (05 days)
6.	340 th	04-07-2024	05-07-2024	02	02	
7.	341 st	05-08-2024	09-08-2024	03	05	
8.	342 nd	27-08-2024	16-09-2024	11	21	
9.	343 rd	17-10-2024	04-11-2024	10	19	Address by Her Excellency Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, on 28 th October 2024.
10.	344 th	11-12-2024	19-12-2024	05	09	
11.	345 th	14-01-2025	28-01-2025	08	15	[Including Joint Sitting held on 24 th January 2025, for Legislative Business]
12.	346 th	13-02-2025	21-02-2025	05	09	
13.	347 th	06-03-2025	11-03-2025	04	06	Including Joint Sitting held on 10 th March 2025 for Address by the President.
			Total:-	66		111 Days

**1.6. PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF SESSIONS OF THE SENATE
(DULY APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL CABINET)**

Sl. No.	Session Number	Date of Summoning	Date of Prorogation	Total working days
1.	347 th Session	03-03-2025 (Monday)	10-03-2025 (Monday)	08 days
Total:				08 days

1.7. STATEMENT OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' DAYS DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-2025. (11 Sittings)

SL. NO.	SESSION NUMBER	DATES OF SITTINGS
1.	336 th	Nil

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2.	337 th	29-04-2024 (Monday)
3.	338 th	Nil
4.	339 th	10-06-2024 (Monday)
5.	340 th	Nil
6.	341 st	05-08-2024 (Monday)
7.	342 nd	02-09-2024 (Monday) 09-09-2024 (Monday) 16-09-2024 (Monday)
8.	343 rd	04-11-2024 (Monday)
9.	344 th	16-12-2024 (Monday)
10	345 th	20-01-2025 (Monday) 27-01-2025 (Monday)
11	346 th	17-02-2025 (Monday)

1.8. LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE

During the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025, the Senate of Pakistan continued to play its significant role as the prime legislative body. The summary of the legislative business transacted by the Senate of Pakistan up to 11 March 2025 is as follows:-

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

Ordinances laid before the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	16
Government Bills introduced in the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 (including three Ordinances laid first in the Senate and treated as bills introduced in the Senate).	17
Government Bills introduced in the Senate and passed by the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	12
Government Bills introduced in the Senate and pending with the Standing Committees.	04

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Government Bills introduced in the Senate and pending for consideration. (Including one Bill introduced during the Parliamentary Year 2023-2024)	02
Money Bills received from the National Assembly.	04
Government Bills received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	25
Government Bills received from the National Assembly and passed by the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	22
Government Bills received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 and pending for consideration.	03
Government Bill received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 and pending with the Standing Committee.	01
Government Bills introduced during the Parliamentary Year 2023-2024 in the Senate and withdrawn.	03
Private Members' Bills introduced in the Senate during Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	42
Private Members' Bills introduced in the Senate and passed by the Senate during the - Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	11
Private Member's Bills passed by the Senate but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of their laying on the Table of the Assembly and referred to Joint Sitting.	02
Private Members' Bills passed by the Senate during the previous year but returned by the President which were passed in Joint Sitting.	02
Private Members' Bills as reported by the Standing Committees and pending for consideration/withdrawal.	96
Private Members' Bills introduced in the Senate and pending with the Standing Committees.	39
Private Members' Bills introduced in the Senate and withdrawn.	07
Private Members' Bills received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	05
Private Members' Bills received from the National Assembly and passed by the Senate.	02
Private Members' Bills received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 and pending with the Standing Committees.	03
Private Member's Bill passed by the Senate but passed with Amendments by the National Assembly and passed again by the Senate with the Amendments.	01
Statutory Reports laid in the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.	15

**1.9. ORDINANCES LAID BEFORE THE SENATE DURING THE
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-2025**

The following sixteen Ordinances were laid before the Senate, during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE	LAID ON
1.	The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. II of 2023)	25-04-2024
2	The Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. III of 2023)	25-04-2024
3	The Pakistan Postal Services Management Board (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. IV of 2023)	25-04-2024
4	The National Highway Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. V of 2023)	25-04-2024
5	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. VI of 2023)	25-04-2024
6	The Privatization Commission (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. VII of 2023)	25-04-2024
7	The Establishment of Telecommunication Appellate Tribunal Ordinance, 2023. (Ordinance No. VIII of 2023)	25-04-2024
8	The Apostille Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance No. I of 2024)	21-05-2024
9	The Seed (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance No. II of 2024)	21-05-2024
10	The Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance No. IV of 2024)	21-05-2024
11	The Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance No. V of 2024).	11-06-2024
12	The National Accountability (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance No. VI of 2024).	11-06-2024
13	The State Owned-Enterprises (Governance and Operations (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance No. VII of 2024).	25-06-2024
14	The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024. (Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance No. VIII of 2024).	01-11-2024
15	The Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance No. IX of 2024)	24-01-2025
16	The Societies Registration (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024 (Ordinance No. XI of 2024)	21-02-2025

1.10. GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE DURING PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

The following seventeen Government Bills were introduced in the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 (including three Ordinances laid first in the Senate and treated as Bills introduced in the Senate):-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	INTRODUCED ON
1.	The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	25-04-2024
2.	The Motion Pictures (Amendment) Bill, 2023.	25-04-2024
3.	The Establishment of Special Court (Overseas Pakistanis Property) Bill, 2023.	25-04-2024
4.	The State Owned-Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Ordinance No. VII of 2024)	25-06-2024
5.	The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	27-08-2024
6.	The Deposit Protection Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	27-08-2024
7.	The National Forensics Agency Bill, 2024.	17-10-2024
8.	The Constitution (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2024.	20-10-2024
9.	The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Not referred to the Standing Committee)	20-10-2024
10.	The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Ordinance No. VIII of 2024)	01-11-2024
11.	The Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	14-01-2025
12.	The Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-Organization) (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	24-01-2025
13.	The National Commission for Minorities Bill, 2025.	24-01-2025
14.	The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	28-01-2025
15.	The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	28-01-2025
16.	The Emigration (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	28-01-2025
17.	The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Ordinance No. XI of 2024)	21-02-2025

1.11. GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND PASSED BY THE SENATE DURING PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

The following eleven Government Bills introduced in the Senate were also passed by the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	PASSED ON
1.	The State Owned-Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Ordinance No. VII of 2024)	05-07-2024
2.	The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	27-08-2024
3.	The Deposit Protection Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	17-10-2024
4.	The Establishment of Special Court (Overseas Pakistanis Property) Bill, 2024.	17-10-2024
5.	The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	19-10-2024
6.	The Constitution (Twenty-sixth Amendment) Bill, 2024.	20-10-2024
7.	The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	20-10-2024
8.	The National Forensics Agency Bill, 2024.	13-12-2024
9.	The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	14-02-2025
10.	The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	14-02-2025
11.	The Emigration (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	14-02-2025
12.	The Special Technology Zone Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025	06-03-2025

1.12. GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND PENDING WITH THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The following four Government Bills introduced in the Senate are pending with the Standing Committees concerned:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	INTRODUCED ON
1.	The Motion Pictures (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	25-04-2024
2.	The Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-Organization) (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	24-01-2025
3.	The National Commission for Minorities Bill, 2025.	24-01-2025
4.	The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Ordinance No. XI of 2024)	21-02-2025

1.13. GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND PENDING FOR CONSIDERATION

Two Government Bills introduced in the Senate are pending for consideration in the House:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED ON
1.	The One Stop Service Bill, 2023.	04-08-2023
2.	The National Accountability (Amendment) Bill, 2023.	27-02-2024

1.14. MONEY BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

The following four Money Bills were received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	RECEIVED ON
1.	The Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	25-04-2024
2.	The Finance Bill, 2024.	12-06-2024
3.	The Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	18-12-2024
4.	The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	10-02-2025

1.15. GOVERNMENT BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

The following twenty-five Government Bills were received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILL	RECEIVED ON
1	The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	10-06-2024
2	The Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	10-06-2024
3	The Pakistan Postal Services Management Board (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	10-06-2024
4	The National Highway Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	10-06-2024
5	The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	01-07-2024
6	The Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	26-08-2024

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7	The Apostille Bill, 2024.	04-09-2024
8	The Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Bill, 2024.	04-09-2024
9	The Establishment of Telecommunication Appellate Tribunal Bill, 2024.	04-09-2024
10	The Privatization Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-09-2024
11	The National University of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	10-09-2024
12	The Seed (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	22-10-2024
13	The Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	23-10-2024
14	The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
15	The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
16	The Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
17	The Pakistan Air Force (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
18	The Pakistan Navy (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
19	The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
20	The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	14-01-2025
21	The Digital Nation Pakistan Bill, 2025.	23-01-2025
22	The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	23-01-2025
23	The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (Implementation) Bill, 2025.	23-01-2025
24	The Pakistan Coast Guards (Amendment) Bill, 2025	18-02-2025
25	The Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2025	18-02-2025

1.16. BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PASSED BY THE SENATE

The following twenty-two Government Bills received from the National Assembly were also passed by the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	PASSED ON
1	The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	11-06-2024
2	The Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	11-06-2024
3	The Pakistan Postal Services Management Board (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	11-06-2024
4	The National Highway Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	11-06-2024
5	The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-07-2024
6	The Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	27-08-2024

7	The Apostille Bill, 2024.	05-09-2024
8	The Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Bill, 2024.	12-09-2024
9	The Establishment of Telecommunication Appellate Tribunal Bill, 2024.	05-09-2024
10	The Privatization Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	05-09-2024
11	The National University of Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	12-09-2024
12	The Seed (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	29-10-2024
13	The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
14	The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
15	The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
16	The Pakistan Army (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
17	The Pakistan Air Force (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
18	The Pakistan Navy (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
19	The Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	13-12-2024
20	The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	21-01-2025
21	The Digital Nation Pakistan Bill, 2025.	28-01-2025
22	The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	28-01-2025

1.17. GOVERNMENT BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PENDING FOR CONSIDERATION

The following two Bills received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-25 are pending for consideration:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	RECEIVED ON
1.	The Biological and Toxin Weapon Convention (Implementation) Bill, 2025	23-01-2025
2.	The Pakistan Coast Guards (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	18-02-2025
3.	The Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	18-02-2025

1.18. GOVERNMENT BILL RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PENDING WITH STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Bill received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-25 is pending with Standing Committee:-

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SL. NO.	TITLE OF BILL	RECEIVED ON
1.	The Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (Implementation) Bill, 2025.	23-01-2025

1.19. GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND WITHDRAWN.

The following three Government Bills introduced during the Parliamentary Year 2023-2024 in the Senate were withdrawn during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILL	WITHDRAWN ON
1.	The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs)	27-08-2024.
2.	The Deposit Protection Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs)	27-08-2024.
3.	The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice)	13-02-2025.

1.20. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE DURING PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

The following forty-two Private Members' Bills were introduced in the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

Sr. No.	TITLE OF THE BILLS	INTRODUCED/ REFERRED ON
Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri –(11)		
1.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of section 377)	10-06-2024
2.	The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, substitution of sections 7 and insertion of new sections 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E)	10-06-2024
3.	The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of sections 3 and 4)	10-06-2024
4.	The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of sections 2 and 9)	10-06-2024
5.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of Article 62 of the Constitution)	09-09-2024
6.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Insertion of new section 297A in PPC and subsequent amendment in Schedule-II of Cr.PC)	09-09-2024
7.	The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	09-09-2024

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8.	The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	20-01-2025
9.	The National Commission for Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	20-01-2025
10.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Amendment of sections 323, 330 and 331 of PPC).	20-01-2025
11.	The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	17-02-2025
Senator Mohsin Aziz – (07)		
1.	The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	29-04-2024
2.	The Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	29-04-2024
3.	The National Highways Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	29-04-2024
4.	The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	29-04-2024
5.	The State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
6.	The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
7.	The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	20-01-2025
Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan – (04)		
1.	The Islamabad Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management Bill, 2024.	10-06-2024
2.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of section 5)	10-06-2024
3.	The Shamilat Land Protection Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
4.	The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan – (03)		
1.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Insertion of new sections 160A and 160B in the PPC and subsequent amendments in Schedule II of the Cr.PC)	29-04-2024
2.	The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of Section 5)	09-09-2024
3.	The Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill, 2024.	09-09-2024
Senator Fawzia Arshad – (02)		
1.	The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	29-04-2024
2.	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Insertion of new sections 344B, 344C, 344D and 344E)	10-06-2024
Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir - (02)		
1.	The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
2.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Amendment of Article 27 of the Constitution).	20-01-2025
Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan – (02)		
1.	The State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
2.	The Abandoned Properties (Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur – (01)		
1.	The ICT Rights of Persons with Disability (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Substitution of section 9)	10-06-2024
Senator Aon Abbas – (01)		
1.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	10-06-2024

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	(Amendment of Articles 1, 51, 59, 106, 154, 175A, 198 and 218 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.)	
Senator Shahadat Awan – (01)		
1.	The Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
Senator Syed Ali Zafar –(01)		
1.	The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
Senator Qurat-Ul-Ain Marri – (01)		
1.	The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance of Standards of the Education (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	09-09-2024
Senator Saleem Mandviwalla - (01)		
1.	The National Institute of Health (Re-organization) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.	04-11-2024
Senator Danesh Kumar - (01)		
1.	The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	20-01-2025
Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada- (01)		
1.	The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	17-02-2025
Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan - (01)		
1.	The University of Business, Sciences and Technology Bill, 2025.	17-02-2025
Senators Saleem Mandviwalla, Samina Mumtaz Zehri, Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui, Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari and Umer Farooq - (01)		
1.	The Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Bill, 2024.	02-09-2024
Senators Qurat-Ul-Ain Marri, Poonjo and Zamir Hussain Ghumro - (01)		
1.	The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of Section 5) (Senators Qurat-Ul-Ain Marri, Poonjo and Zamir Hussain Ghumro)	02-09-2024

1.21. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED IN SENATE AND PASSED BY THE SENATE DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR

The following eleven Private Members' Bills introduced in the Senate were passed by the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO	TITLE OF THE BILLS AND MOVER (S)	PASSED ON
1.	The Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Bill, 2024. (Senators Saleem Mandviwalla, Samina Mumtaz Zehri, Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui, Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari and Umer Farooq)	05-09-2024
2.	The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri) (Passed as amended by the Standing Committee)	04-11-2024
3.	The Guardians and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	04-11-2024

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(Passed as amended by the Standing Committee)		
4.	The Wapda University Islamabad Bill, 2024. (Senators Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan, Umer Farooq and Fawzia Arshad) (Passed as amended by the House)	04-11-2024
5.	The Pakistan Animal Science Council Bill, 2024. (Senators Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan and Kamran Murtaza)	04-11-2024
6.	The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Danesh Kumar) (Not referred to the Standing Committee and passed as amended by the House)	20-01-2025
7.	The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	20-01-2025
8.	The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	20-01-2025
9.	The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	20-01-2025
10.	The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Danesh Kumar) (Passed by the Senate on 20-01-2025 but passed with amendments by the National Assembly and passed with the said amendments by the Senate)	17-02-2025
11.	The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand) (Passed as amended by the Committee)	17-02-2025

1.22. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE BUT NOT PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WITHIN NINETY DAYS AND REFERRED TO JOINT SITTING

The following two Private Member's Bills passed by the Senate but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of their laying on the Table of the Assembly were referred to Joint Sitting:-

SL. NO	TITLE OF THE BILL AND MOVER	REFERRED ON
1.	The Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Technology Bill, 2024. (Senator Hidayatullah Khan)	02-09-2024
2.	The International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences Bill, 2024. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	16-12-2024

1.23. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DURING THE PREVIOUS YEAR BUT RETURNED BY THE PRESIDENT WHICH WERE PASSED IN JOINT SITTING

The following two Private Member's Bills passed by the Senate and National Assembly during the previous year but returned by the President which were passed in Joint Sitting:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE ACT AND MOVER (S)	PASSED IN JOINT SITTING ON
1.	The National Excellence Institute Bill, 2024. (Senators Kauda Babar, Manzoor Ahmad, Naseebullah Bazai and Sana Jamali)	24-01-2025
2.	The National Institute of Technology Bill, 2024. (Mr. James Iqbal, MNA)	24-01-2025

1.24. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND PENDING FOR CONSIDERATION/WITHDRAWAL.

The following ninety-six Private Members' Bills as reported by the Standing Committees and pending for consideration/withdrawal:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILLS	REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENTED ON	REMARKS
1.	The Rights of Persons Arrested, Detained or Under Custodial Investigation Bill, 2020. (Senator Farooq Hamid Naek)	17-07-2020	New Law To define rights of person arrested, detained or under custodial investigation as well as to codify the duties of the arresting, detaining and investigating officers, and providing penalties for violations The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-01-2022.
2.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, 2021. (Senator Saadia Abbasi)	29-09-2021	New Law. To make provisions for prohibition of corporal punishment against children. The Standing Committee on Human Rights has recommended that the House may pass the Bill as reported by the Committee.

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			<p>Similar Bill was passed in Joint Sitting and made Act of Parliament. (Act No. XLIX of 2021).</p> <p>Thereafter, the Honourable Senator also introduced an amendment Bill.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 30-09-2021.</p>
3.	The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial (Amendment) Bill 2023. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	27-07-2023	<p>The purpose of this amendment is to penalize the medical professionals for the criminal negligence they observe in treating rapes cases which is a mandatory component of their official duty.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 03.07.2024.</p>
4.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill 2023. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	03-11-2023	<p>Insertion of new section 376B in PPC and subsequent amendment in Schedule-II of Cr.PC. The purpose of this amendment is to penalize the medical Professionals for the criminal negligence they observe in sexual assault cases which is a mandatory component of their official duty.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 02.07.2024.</p>
5.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	27-02-2024	<p>Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 25.02.2024.</p>
6.	The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	17-10-2024	<p>Amendment of sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, substitution of section 7 and insertion of new sections 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D and 7E in the Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Act, 2018.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Senate may pass the Bill as introduced in the House.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 18.10.2024.</p>

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7.	The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	17-10-2024	Amendment of sections 3 and 4 of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act, 2018. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Senate may pass the Bill as introduced in the House. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 18.10.2024.
8.	The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	17-10-2024	Amendment of sections 22 and 42 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Senate may pass the Bill as reported by the Committee. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 18.10.2024.
9.	The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	11-12-2024	Substitution of section 6 of the Payment of Wages Act, 1936. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 11-12-2024.
10.	The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz).	11-12-2024	Amendment of section 17 of the Islamabad Rent Restriction Ordinance, 2001. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 11-12-2024.
11.	The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	11-12-2024	Substitution of section 100 of the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 11-12-2024.
12.	The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	19-12-2022	Amendment of sections 5 and 7 of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act, 2021. 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.

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			<p>The Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 19-12-2024.</p>
13.	The National Highways Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	27-08-2024	<p>Substitution of section 68 of the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Communication has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee, may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 12.09.2024.</p>
14.	The State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	18-10-2024	<p>Insertion of new section 36A in the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has recommended the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 11.12.2024.</p>
15.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	05-01-2024	<p>Amendment of sections 6, 9, and 15 of the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.</p>
16.	The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	05-01-2024	<p>Insertion of new section 101A in the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.</p>
17.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	05-01-2024	<p>Amendment of section 377A of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.</p>

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18.	The Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	23-02-2024	Amendment of section 6 of the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the House. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
19.	The Pakistan Names and Emblems (Prevention of Unauthorized Use) (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	23-02-2024	Amendment of section 3 of the Pakistan Names and Emblems (Prevention of Unauthorised Use) Act, 1957. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
20.	The Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	23-02-2024	Amendment of section 18 of the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology Act, 2017. The Standing Committee on Science and Technology has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
21.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	27-02-2024	Amendment of sections 292, 293, and 294 of PPC and subsequent amendments in schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898). The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
22.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	27-02-2024	Insertion of new section 297A in the PPC and subsequent amendment in schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.

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			Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
23.	The Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	27-02-2024	Amendment of section 14 of the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 (Ordinance No. LIII of 2002). The Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
24.	The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	27-02-2024	Insertion of new section 49A in the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 (IV of 2023). The Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
25.	The Pakistan Nursing Council (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	01-03-2024	Amendment of section 25 of the Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973 (XXVI of 1973). The Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
26.	The Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	02-01-2024	Amendment of section 20 of the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2017 (XV of 2017). The Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.
27.	The National Security Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	01-03-2024	Amendment of section 4 of the National Security Council Act, 2004.

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			<p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.</p>
28.	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	05-09-2024	<p>Amendment of sections 513 and 514 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.</p>
29.	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	05-09-2024	<p>Insertion of new sections 59A, 431A, amendment of sections 154 and 431 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 10-02-2025.</p>
30.	The Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Saleem Mandviwalla)	14-02-2025	<p>Amendment of sections 2, 12 substitutions of sections 13 and 14, and insertion of new sections 14A, 16A, 16B, 20A to 20P in the Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021 (XXIII of 2021).</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 14-02-2025.</p>
31.	The State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan)	14-02-2025	<p>Amendment of section 3 of the State Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) Act, 2023 (VII of 2023).</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 18.02.2025.</p>
32.	The Abandoned Properties (Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan)	04-11-2024	<p>Amendment of sections 16 and 29 of the Abandoned Properties (Management) Act, 1975 (XX of 1975).</p> <p>Notice for consideration and passage received on 21.02.2025.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 21.02.2025.</p>

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33.	The University of Innovation and Technology Bill, 2023. (Senator Umer Farooq)	09-08-2023	A Bill to provide for the establishment of the University of Innovation and Technology. The Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 21.02.2025.
34.	The Fatal Accidents (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	05-09-2024	Amendment of sections 1, 2, insertion of new sections 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D and Omission of section 4 of the Fatal Accidents Act, 1855 (XIII of 1855). The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 20.02.2025.
35.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan).	11-12-2024	Insertion of new sections 160A and 160B in the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, and subsequent amendments in Schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House, may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
36.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	12-12-2024	Amendment of section 377 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee, may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
37.	The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan)	21.02.2025	Amendment of section 5 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed.
38.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	13-12-2024	Amendment of Article 62 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Standing Committee on Law and Justice recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member-in-Charge to withdraw the Bill. No further Notice received.

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39.	The Pakistan Halal Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	19-12-2024	Amendment of section 2 and insertion of new section 12A in the Pakistan Halal Authority Act, 2016. Amendments are proposed in order to signify and specifically delineate the role and functions of an accredited halal certification body and have proposed certain definition items to make it more comprehensive. The Standing Committee on Science and Technology has recommended that the Bill may not be passed by the House in its present form. No further Notice received.
40.	The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020. (Senator Manzoor Ahmed)	16-10-2020	Due to increase in litigation and the backdrop of rising cases there is a dire need to increase the number of judges of the Court from six plus one Chief Justice to ten plus one Chief Justice. Amendment of Section 3 of the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 (XVII of 2010). The Standing Committee on Law and Justice recommended that the House may grant leave to the Members to withdraw the Bill. The number of judges of the Court was increased from six to nine, through Act No.XXXVI of 2020 and further increased from nine to twelve, through Act No.XXXII of 2024. No further Notice received.
41.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020. (Senator Manzoor Ahmed)	04-02-2021	It is proposed that a minimum twenty percent of the total recommendations of the Senate shall be constitutionally protected and incorporated as part of the Money Bill. Amendment of Article 73 of the Constitution. The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the House. No further Notice received.
42.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021. (Senator Saadia Abbasi)	16-11-2021	The purpose of this amendment is to acknowledge, declare, and assert the right of women to inheritance as a Fundamental Right in consonance with the Principles of Islam and Article 23 and

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			<p>Article 24 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</p> <p>Insertion of Article 24A in the Constitution.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
43.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021. (Senator Saadia Abbasi)	16-11-2021	<p>Amendment of Article 9 of the Constitution. The amendment aims at the provision of grant of bail as a matter of “Fundamental Right” to ensure that personal liberty is not curbed except in accordance with the procedures established by law in order to strike a balance between the right to individual liberty and the interest of society.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
44.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021. (Senator Saadia Abbasi)	04-01-2022	<p>To amend the Pakistan Penal Code 1860, (XLV of 1860) in order to prevent the torture and custodial killings, in Pakistan which victimize and claim the lives of hundreds of persons every year. Amendment of sections 6 and 300 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Senate may not pass the Bill in its present form.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
45.	The Guardians and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	30-09-2022	<p>There is no provision regarding guardianship of the minor, whose father is either deceased or unfit to be the guardian of the person of the minor and the mother is alive and in the opinion of the Court fit to be a guardian. Hence, it is proposed that the 'mother' should also be entitled to be appointed guardian of the minor where the father is either deceased or unfit to be guardian in the opinion of the Court.</p>

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			The Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed. No further Notice received.
46.	The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	04-04-2023	Various lacunas and loopholes are addressed through these proposed amendments. The Standing Committee on Human Rights has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed. No further Notice received.
47.	The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	04-04-2023	To provide relief and rehabilitation of rights of the intersex persons and their welfare. The Standing Committee on Human Rights has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed. No further Notice received.
48.	The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senators Atta-ur-Rehman and Kamran Murtaza)	04-04-2023	The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 in Pakistan has flaws and needs amendments to conform with Islamic beliefs. The term “Transgender Persons” and self-perceived identity are against Islamic Principles. Inheritance of Intersex individuals should be based on their religion or personal law. The Standing Committee on Human Rights has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed. No further Notice received.
49.	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada)	27-07-2023	Amendment in section 55 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the House. No further Notice received.

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50.	The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill 2023. (Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada)	30-07-2023	<p>A retired civil servant shall not be reemployed under the Federal Government by any means of employment.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the House. No further Notice received.</p>
51.	The Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	09-08-2023	<p>Amendments aim at institutionalizing checks and balances on powers and prerogatives of the Board about the management and also ensure that the organization is run in a rule-based manner.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety recommended that the Bill may not be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
52.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	03-11-2023	<p>Omission of section 124A of PPC (related to seditions) and subsequent amendment in Schedule-II of Cr.PC. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
53.	The Federal Investigation Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	03-11-2023	<p>In order to stop violations by an investigative agency an amendment in the FIA Act has been proposed through which the powers of investigation of the agency with respect to crime would be brought under legal and just limitations.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
54.	The Pakistan Minerals Regulatory Authority Bill, 2024. Senators Dilawar Khan	15.01.2025	New Law.

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	and Mohammad Abdul Qadir		The Standing Committee on Petroleum has recommended that the Bill may not be passed. No further Notice received.
55.	The Pakistan Integrity in Public Life Bill, 2024. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	13-02-2025	New Law. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may not be passed by the Senate. No further notice received.
56.	The Premier Institute of Advance Studies Bill, 2023. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	07-11-2023	To set up a premier institute of advanced studies. The Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has recommended that the House may treat the Bill as withdrawn. No further Notice received.
57.	The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senators Kamran Murtaza and Atta-ur-Rehman)	05-01-2024	Substitution of section 21 of the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (XXI of 1860). The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Senate may not pass the Bill and the Members may bring a new amendment in the relevant Law. No further Notice received.
58.	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	27-09-2022	A proviso is being added to provide that where a woman is to be arrested, unless the circumstances otherwise require or unless the police officer is a female, the police officer shall not touch the person of the woman to arrest her. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member to withdraw the Bill. No further Notice received.
59.	The Establishment of the Office of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	21-10-2022	The amendment is proposed that Mohtasib shall set up district Mohtasib offices in every district, all across Pakistan. The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has disposed of the Bill after

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			<p>withdrawal by the mover in the Committee. No further Notice received.</p>
60.	<p>The Cutting of Trees (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)</p>	27-02-2024	<p>Amendment of sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Cutting of Trees (Prohibition) Act, 1992.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the House may grant leave to the mover to withdraw the Bill.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
61.	<p>The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)</p>	30-08-2024	<p>Amendment of section 22 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member to withdraw the Bill.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
62.	<p>The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)</p>	30-08-2024	<p>Amendment of section 15 of the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 2017. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member to withdraw the Bill.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
63.	<p>The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)</p>	10-09-2024	<p>Insertion of new section 5B in the General Clauses Act, 1897 (X of 1897). The Standing Committee on Law and Justice recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member to withdraw the Bill.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
64.	<p>The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan)</p>	04-04-2023	<p>To change the policy of appointment of civil servants those with the status of dual nationality must be barred from being appointed as civil servants in the Civil Service of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that if the Honourable Member desires, so he can present a fresh amendment Bill in the House.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>

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65.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018. (Senator Quratulain Marri)	04-02-2021	<p>To prevent child labour and its adverse effects on children and society at large.</p> <p>Amendment of Article 11 of the Constitution.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.</p> <p>Senator Sirajul Haq has submitted a written note of dissent. No further Notice received.</p>
66.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021. (Senator Saadia Abbasi)	16-11-2021	<p>Identification, preservation, conservation, restoration, and access for all to National Heritage Sites of Pakistan. Insertion of Article 38A in the Constitution.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
67.	The Public Private Partnership Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	02-06-2022	<p>To provide for prescribing public and political representation in the Federal Government Authority, so that it reflects and represents the provincial diversity. The Standing Committee on Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
68.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Farooq Hamid Naek)	02-06-2022	<p>Appointment of Judges to the Supreme Court, High Courts, and the Federal Shariat Court through the Judicial Commission of Pakistan and new mechanisms are proposed.</p> <p>Amendment of Articles 175A, 181, 182, 183, 184, 196, 197, and 209 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p>

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			No further Notice received.
69.	The Public Finance Management (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Danesh Kumar)	17-08-2022	<p>The mid-year report on budget development is only presented before the National Assembly, which is an anomaly. It should be presented before the Senate as well.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has recommended the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
70.	The Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada)	27-09-2022	<p>It is proposed to amend the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2017 (XV of 2017) with a view to reducing default filing fees on delayed filing of documents or return.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has recommended the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
71.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition on Employment of Children Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	27-09-2022	<p>New Law To prohibit the employment of Children and to regulate the employment of adolescents in certain works.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
72.	The Capital Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	27-09-2022	<p>Through this amendment, it will be binding on CDA and other executing to execute and implement development scheme in time frame.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
73.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	27-09-2022	<p>Amendments are proposed to safeguard working women's maternity benefits.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate.</p>

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			No further Notice received.
74.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Corporal Punishment (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Saadia Abbasi)	15-12-2022	Amendment of Preamble and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, substitution of sections 5 and 6, and insertion of sections 4A, 4B, and 4C in the Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Act, 2021 (XLIX of 2021). The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
75.	The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	03-02-2023	This amendment is brought with the aim of increasing punishments for heinous crimes against animals and creating deterrence in society. The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
76.	The Emigration (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	07-02-2023	To define duties of labor attaches based on international best practices. It aims to prevent human trafficking and emigration crimes provide severe punishments for offenders and appoint Special. Judges to handle these cases. The Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
77.	The National Commission on Rights of Child (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Kamran Michael)	17-02-2023	To change the composition of the National Commission on the Rights of Child. The Standing Committee on Human Rights has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
78.	The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	31-03-2023	After the enactment of the Constitution (Twenty-fifth Amendment) Act, 2018, the erstwhile Federally Administrative Tribal Areas (FATA) merged with the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province of Pakistan. So, a need was felt for the omission of the words

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			<p>“Federally Administrated Tribal Areas” wherever occurring in the text of the Elections Act, 2017. Hence, this amendment has been brought to serve the afore-cited purpose.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs has recommended that Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.</p>
79.	The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	04-04-2023	The Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has recommended that Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.
80.	The Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	04-04-2023	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. <p>The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate. No further Notice received.</p>
81.	The Islamabad University of Communication and Emerging Sciences Bill, 2023. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	09-08-2023	To provide for the establishment of Islamabad University of Communication and Emerging Sciences. The Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House. No further Notice received.
82.	The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	03-11-2023	The purpose of the Bill is to strengthen Parliamentary oversight over the AGP’s reports on the Pakistan Standards Control Authority to be laid in both Houses of Parliament. The Standing Committee on Science and Technology has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House. No further Notice received.
83.	The Rain Water Harvesting Facility in Urban Areas Bill, 2023. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	03-11-2023	To provide for compulsory harvesting of rainwater in every Government, Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Building in urban areas to conserve water.

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			<p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
84.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	05-01-2024	<p>Substitution of section 289 of PPC and subsequent amendment in schedule II of Cr.PC.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
85.	The Imports and Exports (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senators Zeeshan Khan Zada, Faisal Saleem Rehman, and Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	20-02-2024	<p>Amendment of section 3 of the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Commerce has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
86.	The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	23-02-2024	<p>Amendment of section 9 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
87.	The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman)	23-02-2024	<p>Omission of section 27B of the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue has disposed of the Bill in pursuance of Standing Order No.2.23 read with Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
88.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022. (Senator Farooq Hamid Naek)	27-02-2024	<p>Amendment of Articles 142 and 175A of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
89.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	27-02-2024	<p>Substitution of Article 140A and insertion of Sixth Schedule in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</p>

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			<p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
90.	The Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	06-03-2024	<p>Amendment of section 3 of the Service Tribunals Act, 1973.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the House.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
91.	The Equal Scales of Salary and Allowances Bill, 2024. (Senator Khalida Ateeb)	18-10-2024	<p>New law.</p> <p>According to the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, the mover while agreeing with the Committee's point of view agreed to withdraw the Bill and after revisiting reintroduce it in the near future.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
92.	The Universal Health Coverage Bill, 2024. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	29-10-2024	<p>New Law.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations, and Co-Ordination has disposed of the Bill in pursuance of Standing Order No.2.23 read with Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
93.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	01-11-2024	<p>Amendment of sections 84, 89, 90, 98, 108, 306, 308, 310, 313, 337M, 337O, 361, 376A, 464, and 491 of the PPC 1860, amendment of sections 198, 199, 199A, 345, 468, 470, 471, 473, 474, 475 and substitution of sections 464, 465, 466, 469 in scheduled II of Cr PC, 1898 and amendment of Articles 2, 59, 121 of the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Interior has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>

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94.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021. (Senators Saadia Abbasi) No.F.24(45)/2021-Legis.	01-11-2024	<p>Insertion of Article 25B in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the House may grant leave to the Member to withdraw the Bill.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
95.	The Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	14.02.2025 (Forwarded to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat on 21-11-2024)	<p>Amendment of section 4 of the Service Tribunals Act, 1973.</p> <p>The report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice on the Bill was presented to the Senate on 1st November 2024 and the Standing Committee in light of the request of the mover recommended that the Bill may be withdrawn from the concerned committee i.e. Standing Committee on Law and Justice and may be referred to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, as the amendment is consequential upon the Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024, seeking similar amendment in section 22 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973, which is under consideration of that Committee. However, the report of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, on the Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024, was presented to the Senate on 30th August 2024 and the Committee has recommended that the House may grant leave to the mover to withdraw the same. The Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the Senate may be withdrawn.</p> <p>No further Notice received.</p>
96	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Manzoor Ahmed and Danesh Kumar)	06-03-2025	<p>The Standing Committee on Law and Justice has recommended that the Bill as introduced in the House may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>No further Notice received</p>

1.25. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND PENDING WITH THE STANDING COMMITTEES CONCERNED

The following thirty-nine Private Members' Bills were introduced in the Senate and pending with the Standing Committees concerned:-

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE			
1	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	07-08-2023	Amendment of Article 84 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
2.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senators Manzoor Ahmed and Danesh Kumar)	01-01-2024	Amendment of Article 51 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
3.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Khalida Ateeb)	26-02-2024	Substitution of Article 140A and amendment of Article 160 of the Constitution.
4.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Aon Abbas)	10-06-2024	Amendment of Articles 1, 51, 59, 106, 154, 175A, 198, and 218 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
5.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	09-09-2024	Amendment of Article 62 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
6.	The Family Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	09-09-2024	Substitution of section 17A of the Family Courts Act, 1964.
7.	The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	20-01-2025	Amendment of sections 3, 6, 10 and insertion of section 10A in the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 (VIII of 2012). <u>Notice for withdrawal under Rule 115 received on 18-02-2025.</u>
8.	The National Commission for Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	20-01-2025	Amendment of sections 3, 5, and 29 of the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 (XVI of 2012). <u>Notice for withdrawal under Rule 115 received on 18-02-2025.</u>

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9.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri) No.F.24(41)/2024-Legis.	20-01-2025	Amendment of sections 323, 330, and 331 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860.
10.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	20-01-2025	Amendment of Article 27 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

11.	The Rehribaan (Street Vendors) Livelihood Protection Bill, 2023. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	07-08-2023	To provide for the regulation of street Vending in public spaces in the cities for the protection of Street Vendors' livelihood.
12.	The National Occupational Health and Safety Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	27-11-2023	New law.
13.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Watersides Safety Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	01-01-2024	New Law.
14.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	04-03-2024	Amendment of section 376 of the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860.
15.	The Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz).	29-04-2024	Amendment of section 2 and addition of section 17 in the Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 1977.
16.	The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	10-06-2024	Insertion of new sections 344B, 344C, 344D, 344E in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.
17.	The Shamilat Land Protection Bill, 2024. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	02-09-2024	New Law.
18.	The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	02-09-2024	Aamendment of section 2 of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.
19.	The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	09-09-2024	Insertion of new section 297A in the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, and subsequent amendment in

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Schedule II of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

20.	The National Commission on the Rights of Child (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	20-02-2023	Amendment of section 15 of the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017. Amendments are proposed to inspect institutions where children are housed, promote the incorporation of child rights in the school curriculum, prepare and publishing an annual database of child rights violations, and include the number of cases filed in police stations and the action taken.
21.	The ICT Rights of Persons with Disability (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	10-06-2024	Substitution of section 9 of the ICT Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2020.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

22.	The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2021. (Senator Manzoor Ahmed)	25-01-2021	Amendment of section 2 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.
23.	The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur)	20-11-2023	Amendment of long title, preamble, section 5, and substitution of section 16 of the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND CO-ORDINATION

24.	The National Institute of Health (Re-organization) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Saleem Mandviwalla)	04-11-2024	Amendment of section 16 of the National Institute of Health (Re-Organization) Act, 2021.
25.	The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	20-01-2025	Amendment of sections 2, 20, 30 and insertion of new section 28A in the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Act, 2018 (XXIII of 2018).
26.	The Mental Health (Amendment) Bill, 2025.	17-02-2025	Amendment of sections 2, 3, 6 and insertion of new sections 7A

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and 56A in the Mental Health Ordinance, 2001 (VIII of 2001).

STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

27.	The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senators Qurat-Ul-Ain Marri, Poonjo, and Zamir Hussain Ghumro)	02-09-2024	Amendment of section 5 of the Civil Servants Act, 1973.
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION

28.	The Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	17.02.2025	<p>Amendment of sections 2, 5, and 6 of the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012.</p> <p>The Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination has recommended that the Bill as reported by the Committee, may be passed by the Senate.</p> <p>Notice under Rules 100 and 113 received on 13-12-2024.</p> <p>Senator Shahadat Awan moved that the Bill further amend the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012 [The Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024], as reported by the Committee be taken into consideration. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, proposed that the Bill may be referred back to the Standing Committee for re-consideration. Thereafter, the Acting Chairman Senate on 17th February, 2025 with the consent of the mover referred back the Bill to the Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination for re-consideration and report.</p>
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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29.	The Aliz Institute of Arts and Sciences Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	26-02-2024	New Law.
30.	The Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text-books and Maintenance of Standards of the Education (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Qurat-Ul-Ain Marri) No.F.24(25)/2024-Legis.	10-09-2024	Amendment of sections 2 and 3 of the Federal Supervision of the Curricula, Text-books, and Maintenance of Standards of the Education Act, 1976.
31.	The University of Business, Sciences and Technology Bill, 2025. (Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan)	17-02-2025	New Law.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SOCIAL SAFETY

32.	The Pakistan Ehsaas Targeted Subsidies (Riayat) Programme Bill, 2023. (Senator Sania Nishtar)	06-11-2023	New Law for the establishment of the Pakistan Ehsaas Targeted Subsidies (Riayat) Programme.
33.	The Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Shahadat Awan)	19-02-2024	Amendment of sections 4, 5, 11, 14, 20 and insertion of new section 25 in the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION

34.	The Personal Data Protection Bill, 2023. (Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan)	13-02-2023	New Law. Bill ensures that any personal data shall be only by lawful and fair means from an individual and must be used or disclosed for the purposes for which it was collected.
35.	The Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Bill, 2024. (Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan)	09-09-2024	New Law.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIR AND INTER-FAITH HARMONY

36.	The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	10-06-2024	Amendment of sections 2 and 9 of the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961.
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37.	The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Syed Ali Zafar)	02-09-2024	Amendment of section 2 and insertion of section 10A in the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961.
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL

38.	The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohsin Aziz)	02-09-2024	Insertion of new section 52A in the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997.
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE

39.	The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada)	17-02-2025	Amendment of section 130 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (Ordinance XLIX of 2001).
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1.26. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND WITHDRAWN.

The following seven Private Member's Bills introduced in the Senate were withdrawn by the Movers during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILL	WITHDRAWN ON
1.	The Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri)	29-04-2024
2.	The Islamabad Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management Bill, 2024. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	02-09-2024
3.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (Amendment of Articles 1, 51, 59, 106, 154, 175A, 198 and 218 of the Constitution). (Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan)	02-09-2024
4.	The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2023. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	02-09-2024
5.	The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan)	09-09-2024
6.	The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Fawzia Arshad)	04-11-2024
7.	The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir)	20-01-2025

1.27. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The following five Private Members' Bills were received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILLS AND MOVER (S)	TRANSMITTED BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON
1.	The Pakistan Psychological Council Bill, 2024. (Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA).	10.07.2024
2.	The Elections (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani and Ms. Zeb Jaffar, MNA)	06-08-2024
3.	The National Assembly Secretariat Employees (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Mr. Naveed Qamar, MNA)	18.12.2024
4.	The Nippon Institute of Advanced Sciences Bill, 2024. (Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, MNA)	18.12.2024
5.	The Nexus International University of Health Emerging Sciences and Technologies, Islamabad Bill, 2025. (Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan, MNA)	22.01.2025

1.28. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PASSED BY THE SENATE

The following two Private Members' Bills received from the National Assembly were also passed by the Senate during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILLS AND MOVER (S)	PASSED ON
1.	The Elections (Second Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani and Ms. Zeb Jaffar, MNA)	06-08-2024
2.	The National Assembly Secretariat Employees (Amendment) Bill, 2025. (Mr. Naveed Qamar, MNA)	20.01.2025

1.29. PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS RECEIVED FROM THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND PENDING WITH THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following three Private Members' Bills received from the National Assembly during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025 and pending with the Standing Committees:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILLS AND MOVER (S)	RECEIVED ON
1.	The Pakistan Psychological Council Bill, 2024. (Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA)	10.07.2024
2.	The Nippon Institute of Advanced Sciences Bill, 2024. (Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi, MNA)	18.12.2024
3.	The Nexus International University of Health Emerging Sciences and Technologies, Islamabad Bill, 2025. (Mr. Anjum Aqeel Khan MNA)	22.01.2025

1.30. PRIVATE MEMBER’S BILL PASSED BY THE SENATE BUT PASSED WITH AMENDMENTS BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

The following Private Member’s Bill was passed by the Senate but passed with Amendments by the National Assembly was passed again by the Senate with the Amendments during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025:-

SL. NO.	TITLE OF THE BILLS AND MOVER (S)	PASSED ON
1.	The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Senator Danesh Kumar)	17.02.2025

1.31. LAYING OF CONSTITUTIONAL - STATUTORY REPORTS

Rules 151 to 156 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 require laying before the Parliament the reports of Observance and implementation of the Principles of Policy, Council of Common Interests, National Economic Council, National Finance Commission, Auditor General and Council of Islamic Ideology for discussion thereon by the Parliament and expressing of the opinion of the Parliament, if any. During the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025, the following reports were laid before the Senate:

Constitutional - Statutory Reports laid during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025

S. NO	TITLE OF REPORT	LAI D ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE ON
1.	Address of the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan made under clause (3) of Article 56 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan before both Houses assembled on 18th April 2024, as required by sub-rule (2) of Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.	26-04-2024
2.	The Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Pakistan for the Financial Year, 2020-2021 and Audit Reports of the Auditor General of Pakistan relating to the Accounts of the Federation for the Audit Year 2021-2022.	24-05-2024
3.	Leftover/remaining Appropriation Accounts of the Government of Pakistan for the Financial Year, 2021- 2022 and Audit Reports of the Auditor-General of Pakistan relating to the Accounts of the Federation for the Audit Year 2022-2023,	24-05-2024
4.	Half Yearly Report of the Board of Directors of State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy for the Year 2023- 2024.	24-05-2024
5	Annual Report of the National Economic Council (NEC) for the Financial Year 2020-21, as required under clause (5) of Article 156 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.	04-07-2024
6.	The Federal Public Service Commission's Annual Report for the Year 2022, as required under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977 (Ordinance No. XLV of 1977).	27-08-2024
7.	Report of the Election Commission of Pakistan 2023, as required under sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Elections Act, 2017.	30-08-2024
8.	Annual Report 2023-24 of the National Commission on the Rights of Child, as required under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017.	30-08-2024
9.	The appropriation accounts for the Financial Year 2022-2023 and the Audit Reports of the Auditor General of Pakistan for the Audit Year, 2023-2024	05-09-2024
10.	The Annual Report on the Observance and Implementation of Principles of Policy (2020-21).	17-10-2024
11.	The Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023-24 of the Board of Directors of State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy, as required under sub-section (2) of section 39 of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.	29-10-2024
12.	Governor's Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023-24 on the achievements of the Bank's objectives, the conduct of monetary policy, the state of the economy, and the financial system, as required under sub-section (1) of section 39 of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.	29-10-2024

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13.	Annual Reports of the National Economic Council (NEC) for the Financial Years 2021- 2022 and 2022-2023.	11-12-2024
14.	2 nd Biannual Report on Monitoring of the Implementation of NFC Award for the period from January to June 2022.	14-01-2025
15	The Report on the Instruments adopted at the 111th session of the International Labour Conference (June 2023).	21-01-2025

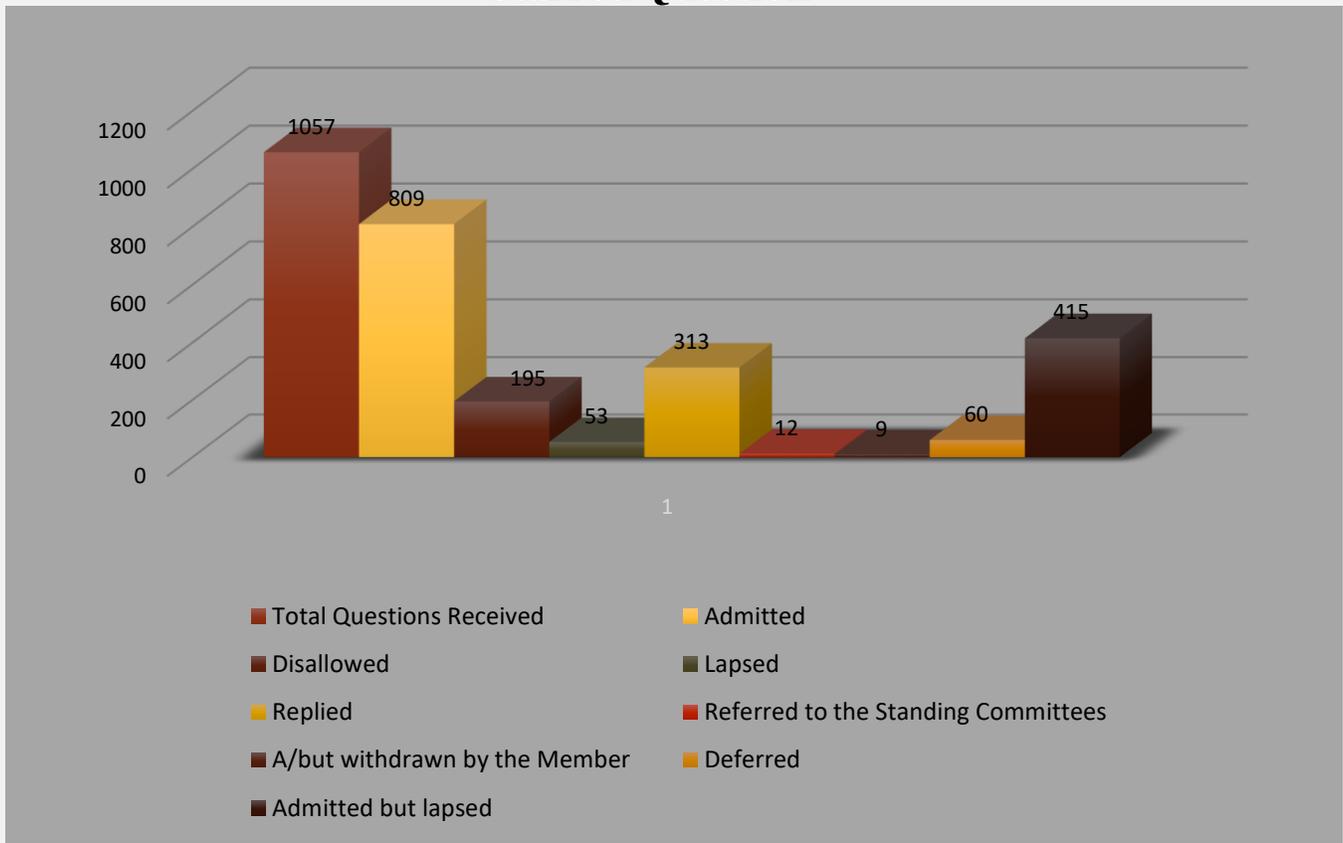
2. QUESTION BRANCH

2.1. TABLE AND GRAPHS SHOWING THE POSITION OF STARRED, UN-STARRED QUESTIONS, MOTION UNDER RULE 60, AND RESOLUTIONS DURING THE 22ND PARLIAMENTARY YEAR (336TH TO 346TH SESSIONS)

STARRED QUESTIONS

Total Questions Received	:	1057
Admitted	:	809
Disallowed	:	195
Lapsed	:	53
Replied	:	313
Referred to the Standing: Committees	:	12
A/but withdrawn by the Member	:	09
Deferred	:	60
Admitted but lapsed	:	415

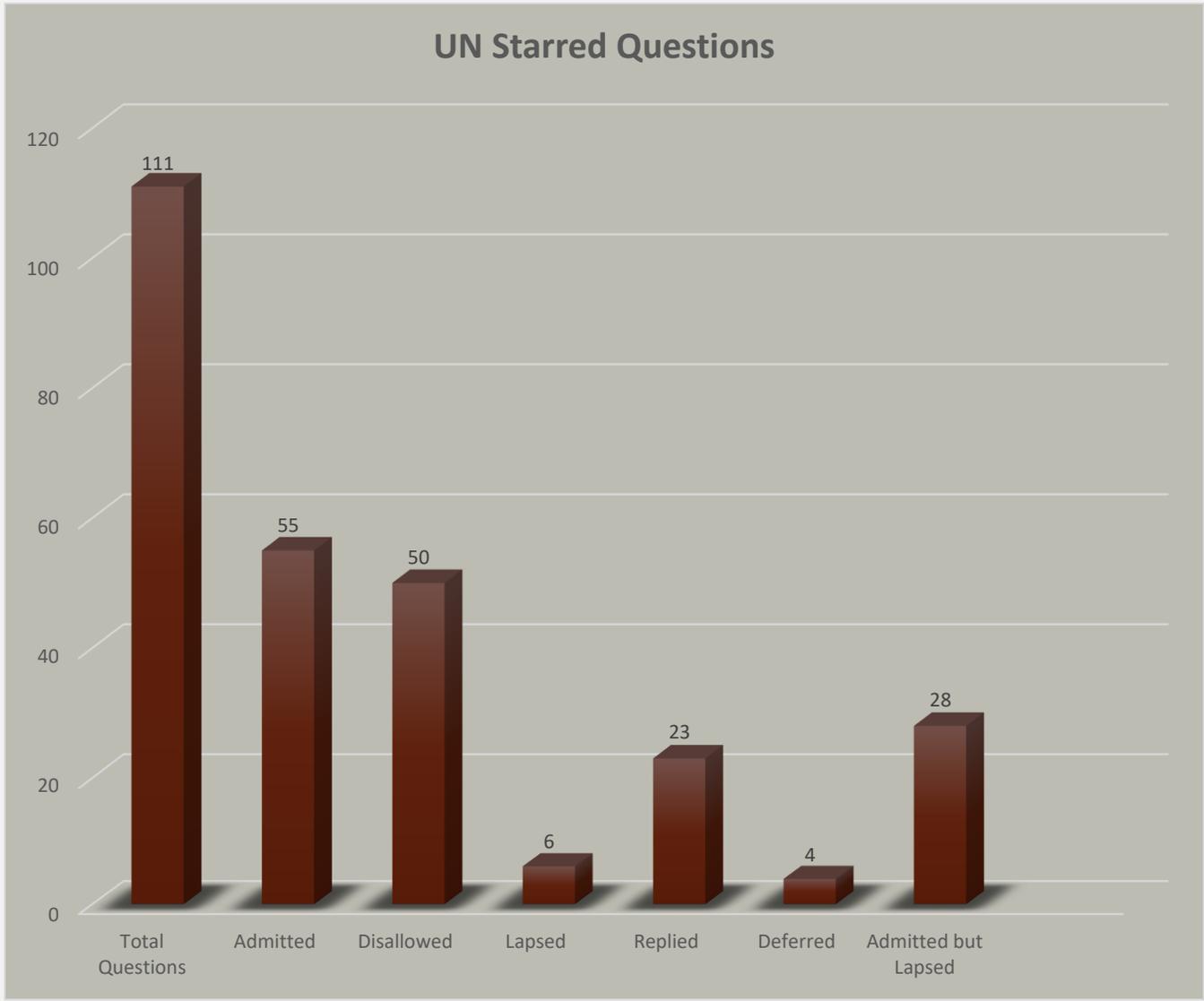
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**UN-STARRED
QUESTIONS**

Total Questions	:	111
Admitted	:	55
Disallowed	:	50
Lapsed	:	06
Replied	:	23
Deferred	:	04
Admitted but Lapsed	:	28

Graph No. 2

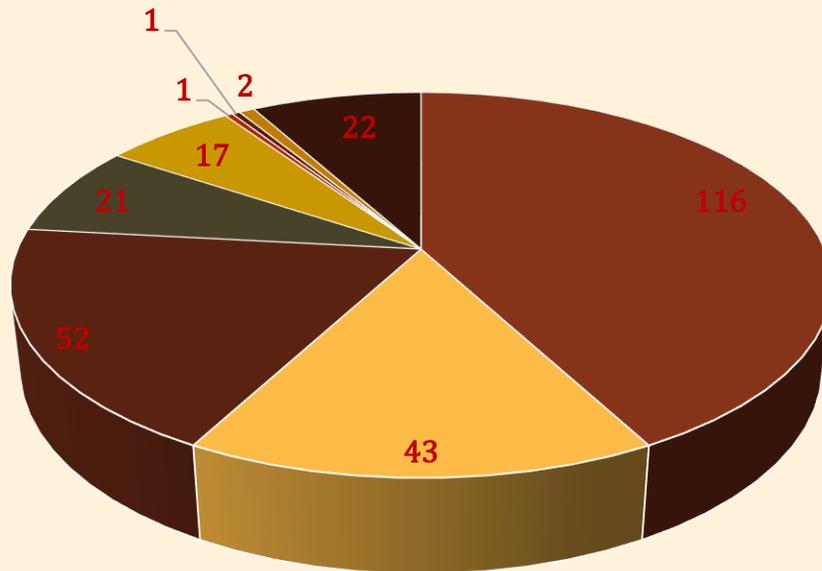


RESOLUTIONS

Received	:	116
Admitted	:	43
Disallowed	:	52
Lapsed	:	21
Passed by the House	:	17
Rejected by the House	:	01
A/but withdrawn by the Member	:	01
Dropped by the House	:	02
Admitted but lapsed	:	22

Graph No. 3

Resolutions



- Received
- Disallowed
- Passed by the House
- A/but withdrawn by the Member
- Admitted but lapsed
- Admitted
- Lapsed
- Rejected by the House
- Dropped by the House

Motion Under Rule 60

Received	01
Lapsed	01

3. RESOLUTION

3.1. BRIEF SUBJECTS OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE SENATE OF PAKISTAN DURING 22ND PARLIAMENTARY YEAR (336TH TO 346TH SESSIONS)

Sr. No.	Subject Matter	Date of Passing
1.	Profound grief and sorrow on the martyrdom of His Excellency Mr. Ibrahim Raisi, President of the brotherly Islamic Republic of Iran.	21 st May, 2024
2.	The government should take immediate steps for the allocation of special funds under PSDPs to construct the new railway line and necessary infrastructure in the province of Balochistan.	10 th June, 2024
3.	The House unequivocally condemns the recent mob lynching in Swat and Sargodha of persons accused of offenses pertaining to religion and urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to ensure the safety and security of all persons living in Pakistan, including religious minorities, and vulnerable communities.	24 th June, 2024
4.	Profound grief and sorrow on the martyrdom of eminent Hamas leader Mr. Ismail Hania in an attack by Israeli Zionists in Tehran on 31st July 2024	5 th August, 2024
5.	Noting that the fifth of August is annually observed as "Youm-e-Istehsal", following India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August, 2019 to further consolidate its control over Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).	5 th August, 2024
6.	This House Congratulates Arshad Nadeem on his remarkable achievement of winning the Gold medal in the Javelin throw at the Paris Olympics	2 nd September, 2024

7.	This House commemorates the Defence Day reflecting on the bravery and sacrifices of its armed forces on 6th September 1965 and paying homage to the martyrs and all those who sacrificed their lives for the safety of this country.	6 th September, 2024
8.	Condemns the outrageous attack carried out on the Parliament of Pakistan on 9th September 2024. This Shameful act has trampled the honor and prestige of the citadel of democracy.	12 th September, 2024
9.	Commemorating the historical day of September 7, 1974; the day when the Parliament of Pakistan unanimously declared Qadianis as a non-Muslims minority	16 th September, 2024
10.	The Senate of Pakistan congratulates the Government of Pakistan on holding an exceptionally successful event at the highest level of multilateral engagement in the shape of the SCO Heads of Governments' Conference in Islamabad.	16 th September, 2024
11.	Recommends that the government should enforce strict directions to the manufacturers of motorcycles and helmets to equip their finished products with all the safety features at par with international standards and regulate this regime through enforcement of quality assurance mechanism.	4 th November, 2024
12.	Recommended that the government may issue necessary directions in this regard to direct NADRA to include a separate column for “Majhool-un- nasab” children on an I.D Card.	4 th November, 2024

13.	The Senate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan commends the recent visit of H.E Valentina Matviyenko, Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, as a milestone in advancing Pakistan-Russia relations.	4 th November, 2024
14.	Resolution on the Issue of Israel Bombing extending to many countries, in total disregard of sovereign borders	12 th December, 2024
15.	Cognizant of the fact that the Government of Pakistan has an obligation, under the Constitution and International law, to protect the fundamental rights of its citizens detained abroad.	20 th January, 2025
16.	Fifth February is observed, every year, as the “Kashmir Solidarity Day” to express solidarity with the Kashmiri people in their struggle for the realization of their right to self-determination.	27 th January, 2025
17.	The democratic right of all Political Parties to hold peaceful political gatherings (Jalsas) and rallies in the territory of Pakistan, as enshrined in the constitution.	14 th February, 2025

4. MOTION BRANCH

4.1. MOTION UNDER RULE 218:-

DETAILS OF MOTIONS UNDER RULE 218 DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-2025

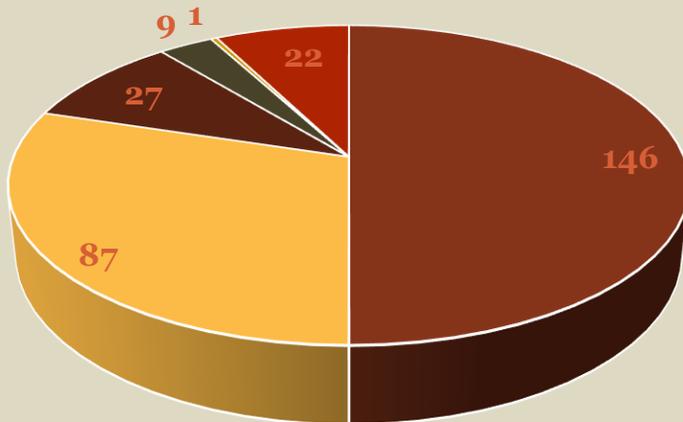
Rule 218 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 provides a parliamentary tool that any Minister or a Member may give notice of a motion that any policy, situation, statement, or any other matter may be taken into consideration.

During the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025, the Senate Secretariat received Hundred and forty-six (146) Motions under Rule 218 as per the following details:-

1.	Total number of Motions Under Rule 218 received.	146
2.	Admitted but Lapsed Motions Under Rule 218.	87
3.	Lapsed Motions Under Rule 218.	27
4.	Talked out in the House / Replied by the Minister concerned.	09
5.	Motions Under Rule 218 referred to the Senate Standing Committee concerned.	01
6.	Disallowed / Held out-of-order Motions Under Rule 218.	22

Graph 4

Motion Under Rule 218



- Total number of Motions Under Rule 218 received.
- Admitted but Lapsed Motions Under Rule 218.
- Lapsed Motions Under Rule 218.
- Talked out in the House / Replied by the Minister concerned.

4.2. SUBJECT MATTERS OF MOTION UNDER RULE 218 RESPONDED BY THE MINISTERS IN THE SENATE

Sr. No.	Mover(s)	The subject of the Motion Under Rule 218
1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	The House may discuss the need to ban the manufacturing/use of 500ml plastic bottles for drinking water as the same causes environmental hazards, chokes drainage systems in the cities, and is a source of pollution. Minister of State for Law and Justice responded on 10-06-24.
2.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	This House may discuss the effects of climate change on the agriculture sector of the country in the light of the Country's Economic Survey for the Financial Year 2022-23, released by the Ministry of Finance." Minister of State for Law and Justice responded on 10-06-24.
3.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	The house may discuss the issue of shrinking of loans and the surging of bad debts in the private Sector. The Minister for Finance Division responded on 09-09-24.
4.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	The house may discuss the process of digitalization of FBR." The Minister for Finance Division responded on 09-09-24.
5.	Senator Kamaran Murtaza	The House may discuss the overall performance of the Capital Development Authority (CDA) with particular reference to the performance of the Maintenance Directorate (responsible for repair/maintenance of government-owned accommodations) and the Sanitation Directorate." The Minister of State for Information Technology & Telecommunication responded on 09-09-24.
6.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	This House may discuss the need to develop an Anti-Riots force in the country under the Ministry of Interior to counter violent protests. Minister of State for Law and Justice responded on 11-12-24.
7.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	This House may discuss the cost of recent protests on the lives of masses, especially daily wage earners, small shopkeepers, labourers, and vendors of food items in Islamabad and its adjacent areas. The Minister of State for Law and Justice responded on 11-12-24.
8.	Senator Kamaran Murtaza	The house may discuss the alarming increase in the number of heroin addicts throughout the country especially in the Federal Capital, Islamabad. The Minister of State for Law and Justice responded on 16-12-24.
9.	Senator Kamran Mumtaz	The House may discuss extremely low pressure of gas in various areas of Balochistan, especially Quetta city. The Minister of Parliamentary Affairs responded on 20-1-25.

5. CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

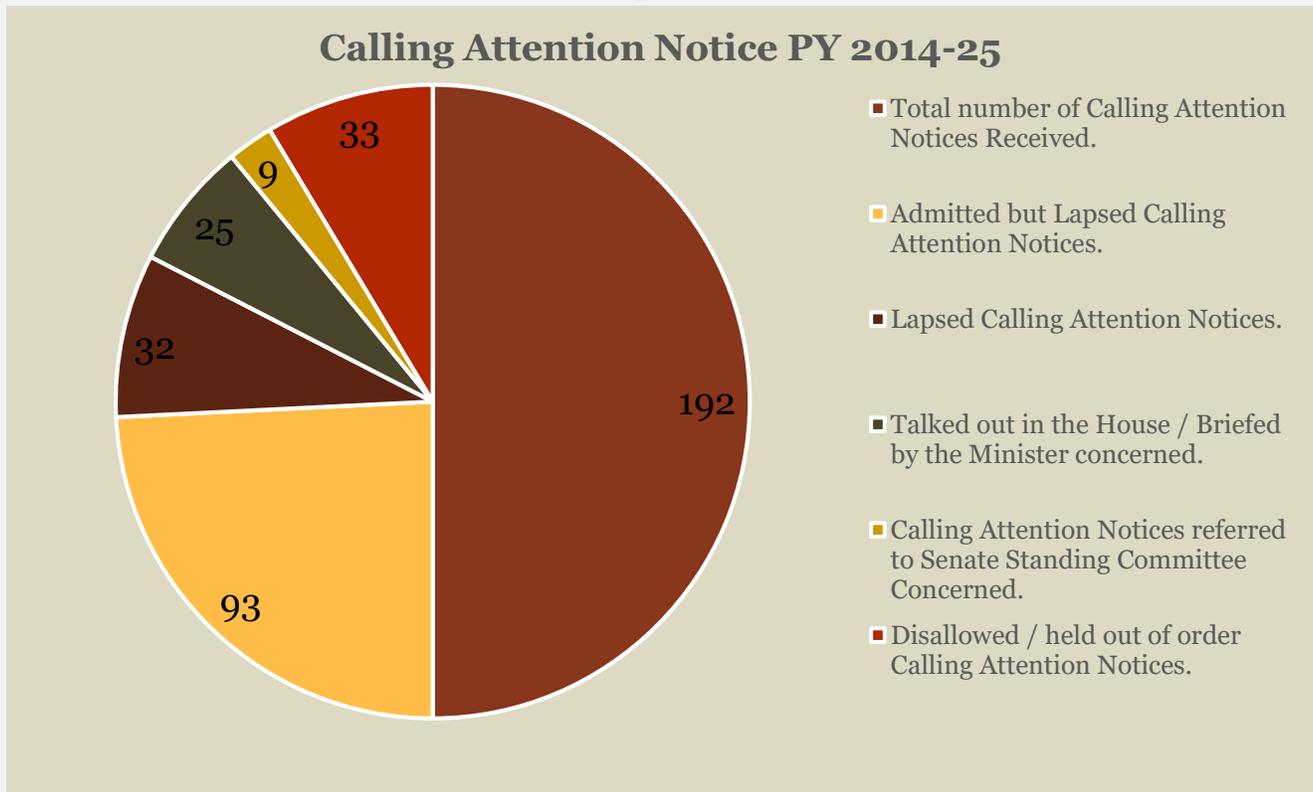
5.1. DETAILS OF CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES DURING THE

Rule 64 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012 provides a tool to give notice of Calling Attention Notice, according to which a member may call the attention of a Minister to any matter of urgent public importance, and the Minister may make a brief statement or ask for time to make a statement at a later hour of a day.

The Senate Secretariat received one Hundred Ninety-Two (192) Calling Attention Notices during the Parliamentary Year 2024 -2025 as per the following details:-

Total number of Calling Attention Notices Received.	192
Admitted but Lapsed Calling Attention Notices.	93
Lapsed Calling Attention Notices.	32
Talked out in the House / Briefed by the Minister concerned.	25
Calling Attention Notices referred to Senate Standing Committee Concerned.	09
Disallowed/held out of order Calling Attention Notices.	33

Graph No 5



5.2. SUBJECT MATTERS OF THE CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES RESPONDED BY THE MINISTERS IN THE SENATE

Sr.No	Mover(s)	The subject of the Calling Attention Notices
1.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	To draw the attention of the Minister for Science and Technology towards the recent appointment and amendment of Rules by the interim Rector of COMSATS University Islamabad. Minister for Law and Justice responded on 22-05-24.
2.	Senators Sherry Rehman, Quratulain Marri & Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	To draw the attention of the Minister for Power towards the issue of imposition of tax on Solar Energy users, undermining the efforts of sustainable Green Energy. Minister of Power responded on 21-05-24.
3.	Senator Danesh Kumar	To draw the attention of the Minister for Power towards the limited supply of electricity only for three hours per day by QESCO to agricultural tube-wells in Balochistan leading to the destruction of agriculture due to which farmers are protesting for the last one month. Minister of Power responded on 24-05-24.
4.	Senators Quratulain Marri, Syed Kazim Ali Shah, Poonjo Bheel, Zamir Hussain Ghumro & Muhammad Aslam Abro	To draw the attention of the Minister for Privatization towards the lack of transparency in all stages of divestment and privatization of the Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) including but not limited to financial process, issuance of expression of Interest, bidding, contract awarding, and segregation of core and non-core assets and liabilities of PIA. Minister for Privatization responded on 24-05-24.
5.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	To draw the attention of the Minister for Interior towards a statement by DG Immigration and Passports regarding the proposed inclusion of the “ex-husband category plan” in the passport data for women. Minister for Housing and Works responded on 07-06-24.
6.	Senators Jam Saifullah, Zamir Hussain Ghumro, Muhammad Aslam Abro, Poonjo Bheel, & Syed Kazim Ali Shah	To draw the attention of the Minister for Communication towards the inordinate delay in the completion of Sukkur- Hyderabad Motorway. Minister for Housing and Works responded on 07-06-24.
7.	Senator Saifullah Abro	To draw the attention of the Minister for Power towards the expected installation of three new power plants (2100 MW) with a loan amounting to Rs. 4.5 Billion from the Chinese Government which will ultimately be a burden on the nation's exchequer despite the presence of IPPs in the country. Minister for Energy responded on 11-06-24.

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8.	Senator Falak Naz	To draw the attention of the Minister for Energy (Power Division) towards excessive and unannounced Load shedding of electricity in Upper and Lower Chitral causing problems for the residents of these areas. Minister for Power responded on 05-07-24.
9.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	To draw the attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination towards the spread of monkeypox and measures being taken by the Government to cope with rising challenges. Minister for Law and Justice responded on 05-09-24.
10.	Senators Ashraf Ali Jatoi & Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto	To draw the attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards a matter of three Pakistani citizens who are reportedly in illegal custody of a company in Burma and measures taken by the Government for their safe return. Minister for Law and Justice responded on 05-09-24.
11.	Senator Syed Zamir Hussain Ghumro	To draw the attention of the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) towards the non-provision of gas to District Khairpur since 2019 despite approval of the Federal Government for the Khairpur Special Economic Zone.
12.	Senators Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, Syed Shibli Faraz, Kamran Murtaza, Mohsin Aziz, & Syed Ali Zafar	To draw the attention of the Minister for Interior towards the serious and devastating events in Balochistan owned by BLA and Majeed Brigade and their link to the recent United Nations Committee on Racial Discrimination (CRD) advice to Pakistan to ratify the convention on enforcing enforced disappearances and to bring transparency, accountability, and prosecution of perpetrators. The Minister for Interior responded on 14-09-24.
13.	Senators Sherry Rehman, Zamir Hussain Ghumro, Poonjo Bheel, Jam Saifullah Khan & Sarmad Ali	To draw the attention of the Minister of Water Resources towards proposed changes in the IRSA Act, 1992, undermine the spirit of the Accord and stand in violation of the Constitutional intent of CCI due to which strong reservation in Sindh Province in this regard. Minister for Water Resources responded on 10-09-24.
14.	Senator Saifullah Abro	To draw the attention of the Minister for Energy (Power Division) towards the delay in the appointment of new Chairmen and Members of the Board of Directors of Hyderabad Electric Supply Company, Sukkur Electric Supply Company, and Power Planning and Monitoring Company as the government has already dissolved the other Boards of DISCOs. Minister for Petroleum responded on 14-09-24.
15.	Senator Poonjo Bheel	To draw the attention of the Minister for Communications towards the inordinate delay in the completion of the road from Rajarasti to Umerkot, which was, supposed to be completed within six months

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		after the initiation of the project in 2021. Minister for Communication responded on 17-10-24.
16.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	To draw the attention of the Minister for Finance and Revenue towards the recent reduction of interest rate by the State Bank of Pakistan which I insufficient at a time when the government claims to have brought the inflation down to 9.6%. Minister for Finance responded on 01-11-24.
17.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	To draw attention of the Minister for Interior, towards the increasing number of incidents of robberies and theft in the Islamabad Capital Territory causing grave concerns amongst the residents. Minister for Law and Justice responded on 11-12-24.
18.	Senator Danesh Kumar	To draw the attention of the Minister for Finance and Revenue, towards the absence from duty of the Customs officers posted in Customs Collectorate Gwadar Zone, affecting the overall functionality and operational efficiency of Gwadar port. Minister for Finance responded on 11-12-24.
19.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	To draw the attention of the Minister to draw the attention of the Minister for Interior towards the Law & Order situation in Islamabad due to the protest of PTI which resulted in the Loss of precious Lives as well as injuries. (as the matter was mishandled by the Law enforcement agency). Minister for Law and Justice and Interior responded on 11-12-24.
20.	Senator Raja Nasir Abbas	To draw the attention of the Minister for Interior, towards the deteriorating law and order situation of Parachinar, District Kurram, resulting in loss of lives and shortage of medicines and food items due to the closure of the main Peshawar-Parachinar road leading to the humanitarian crisis in the area. Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith responded on 19-12-24.
21.	Senator Sarmad Ali	To draw the attention of the Minister for National Food Security and Research towards delay in international food safety and Phytosanitary standard certification for rice produce of Pakistan, causing great concerns among rice exporters. Minister for National Food Security and Research responded on 21-1-25.
22.	Senator Sherry Rehman	To draw the attention of the Minister for Aviation towards the grounding of PIA planes in the context of an unclear privatization plan. Minister for Foreign Affairs responded on 14-1-25.
23.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	To draw the attention of the Minister for Aviation towards the discontinuation of the sole flight of PIA from Multan to Islamabad and the reduction of daily flights from Multan to Karachi from three to one which is a matter of great public importance. Minister for Aviation responded on 21-1-25.
24.	Senator Muhammad Faisal Vawda	To draw the attention of the Minister for Finance and Revenue towards the financial implications of the recent decision of FBR to procure 1010 vehicles for its field officers on the pretext of increasing tax recovery. Minister for Law and Justice responded on 28-1-25.
25.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	To draw the attention of the Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division) towards suspension of gas supply to captive industrial units in the country. Minister for Law and Justice responded on 13-02-25.

6. PRIVILEGE MOTIONS

6.1. DETAILS OF PRIVILEGE MOTIONS

Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012 provides a tool to give notice of Privilege according to which a member may, with the consent of the Chairman, raise a question involving a breach of Privilege either of a Member or the Senate or of a Committee. The Senate Secretariat received eight (8) Privilege Motions during the parliamentary year 2024-2025 as per the following details:-

1.	Total Number of Privilege Motions Received.	08
2.	Privilege Motions referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privilege.	04
3.	Privilege Motions held out of order by the Honourable Chairman Senate.	01
4.	Lapsed Privilege Motion.	01
5.	Privilege Withdrawn by the Member	02

6.2. SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PRIVILEGE MOTIONS REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES OR ANY OTHER COMMITTEE

Sr. No.	Mover(s)	Subject of Privilege Motions
1.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Against CPO Rawalpindi. Referred to Committee on 29th August 2024. Report Laid in the House.
2.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Against SSP, Kashmir, District Kandhkot. Referred to Committee on 29th August 2024.
3.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Against Employee of PESCO. Referred to Standing Committee on Power 7th October 2024.
4.	Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Against Secretary Communication & Works Government of Balochistan. Referred to Committee on 1st January 2025.

7. ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

7.1. DETAILS OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Rule 85 of the rules of procedure and conduct of business in the Senate, 2012 provides for an Adjournment Motion according to which a motion for an adjournment of the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of recent occurrence and of urgent public importance may be moved with the consent of the Hon'ble Chairman Senate.

The Senate Secretariat received thirty-nine (29) Adjournment Motions during the parliamentary year 2024-2025, as per the following details.

1.	Total number of Adjournment Motions Received.	29
2.	Admitted but Lapsed Adjournment Motions.	02
3.	Lapsed Adjournment Motions.	14
4.	Moved by the Member in the House for Determination of Admissibility by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate/ Talked out in House for Two Hours.	01
5.	Disallowed / Held out of order Adjournment Motions.	12

7.2. SUBJECT MATTERS OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS ADMITTED BUT LAPSED AND DISCUSSED IN HOUSE

S. No.	Mover(s)	The subject of Adjournment Motions
1.	Senator Aon Abbas	To Discuss the procurement of wheat by PASSCO and the role of other Federal Organizations in recent wheat crisis in the Country. Approved by the Honorable Chairman Senate on 16th May 2024 to be discussed in the House, however, stood lapsed.
2.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	To Discuss the intention of the Federal Government to Ban a Political Party having political, legal, and economic implications. Approved by the Honorable Chairman Senate on 27th July 2024 to be discussed in the House, however, stood lapsed.
3	Senator Sherry Rehman	Discussion on an admitted Adjournment Motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman, regarding the decision of the Government to build several Barrages, Dams, and link canals on the Indus River. Discussed in the House for Two Hours on 21-1-25.

8. COMMITTEES

Senate Committees are the most powerful forum of the House to analyze and investigate proposed legislations and matters of public policy and governance. The non-partisan forum of Committees acts as an extension of the House and scrutinizes much of the House business in order to ensure quality legislation and substantive oversight of the executive. The Senate Committees derives its powers and working mechanism from the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, and the Standing Orders.

The Rule 158 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, provides that:

“Each Committee shall deal with the subject assigned to the Ministry with which it is concerned, or any other relevant matter referred to it by the Senate.”

Key functions of the Committees include examination of a Bill, subject, or matter referred by the House or Chairman Senate, scrutiny of the budgetary allocation and its utilization, administration, delegated legislation, public petition, and policies of the Ministry concerned and its attached departments and public bodies.

The year 2024 marked the beginning of parliamentary tenure 2024-25 wherein, a vigorous exercise of formation of Senate Committees as per proportional representation in the House was conducted. The process involves continuous coordination with the Office of the Chairman Senate, the Leader of the House, and the Leader of the Opposition. Subsequently, a total of 39 Standing, Functional, 5 Parliamentary, 1 Special, and 2 Other Committees were constituted. A summarized detail of the performance of the Senate Committees is provided below¹:

8.1. DETAIL OF COMMITTEES CONDUCTED MEETINGS DURING PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-25

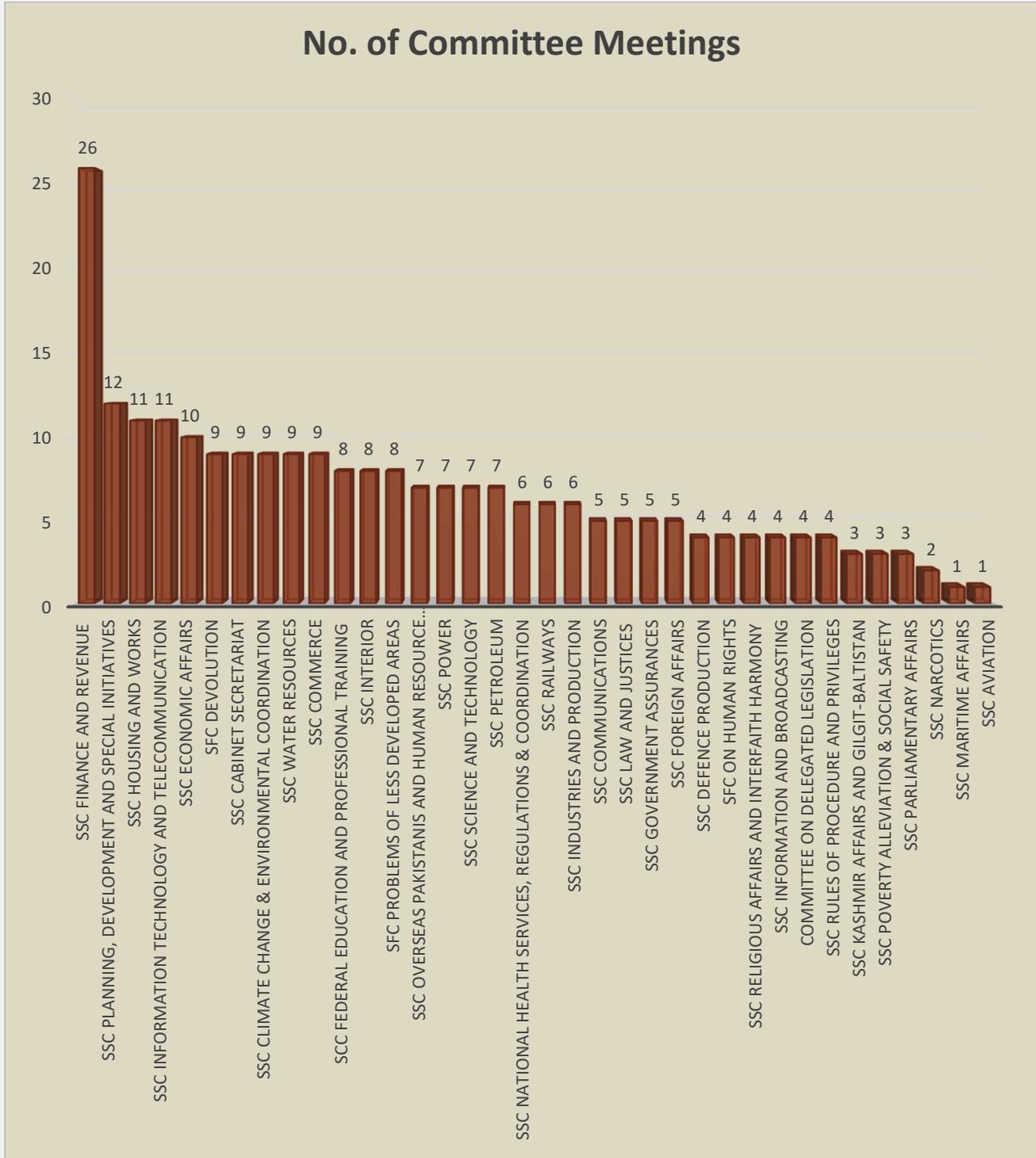
S. No	Name Of Committee	Meetings
1	SSC Finance And Revenue	26
2	SSC Planning, Development, And Special Initiatives	12
3	SSC Housing And Works	11
4	SSC Information Technology And Telecommunication	11
5	SSC Economic Affairs	10
6	SFC Devolution	9

¹ The data given in this report for the Committees is up to February 21, 2025.

7	SSC Cabinet Secretariat	9
8	SSC Climate Change & Environmental Coordination	9
9	SSC Water Resources	9
10	SSC Commerce	9
11	SSC Federal Education And Professional Training	8
12	SSC Interior	8
13	SFC Problems Of Less Developed Areas	8
14	SSC Overseas Pakistanis And Human Resource Development	7
15	SSC Power	7
16	SSC Science And Technology	7
17	SSC Petroleum	7
18	SSC National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination	6
19	SSC Railways	6
20	SSC Industries And Production	6
21	SSC Communications	5
22	SSC Law And Justices	5
23	SFC Government Assurances	5
24	SSC Foreign Affairs	5
25	SSC Defence Production	4
26	SFC Human Rights	4
27	SSC Religious Affairs And Interfaith Harmony	4
28	SSC Information And Broadcasting	4
29	SC Delegated Legislation	4
30	SSC Rules Of Procedure And Privileges	4
31	SSC Kashmir Affairs And Gilgit-Baltistan	3
32	SSC Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety	3
33	SSC Parliamentary Affairs	3
34	SSC Narcotics	2

35	SSC Maritime Affairs	1
36	SSC Aviation	1

Graph No.6



1. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Meetings Held	08
Total Hours	25 Hours

Business	No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	8	2	-	4
Calling Attention Notices	1	1	-	-
Questions	1	-	-	1
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman/ Deputy Chairman	3	1	-	2
Point of Public Importance	4	2	-	2
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy

The Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has been actively addressing multiple critical issues related to Education and Professional Training across Pakistan. Through its dedicated efforts, the Committee has ensured timely resolution of pressing matters, benefiting students, teachers, and educational institutions. Below is a summary of its key achievements.

Legislative Progress

The Committee thoroughly reviewed and deliberated on various Bills referred to it from House, ensuring necessary legislative progress. After obtaining clearance from the Ministry of Federal Education and the Higher Education Commission (HEC), the Committee successfully passed multiple bills, reinforcing the legal framework governing education and professional training in Pakistan.

Degree Attestation of Students

Recognizing the long-pending issue of degree attestations affecting thousands of students, the Committee took decisive action. It directed the HEC to constitute a dedicated committee to expedite the attestation process. Following this intervention, the HEC initiated the process, and universities confirmed the submission of degrees for thousands of students, resolving the issue efficiently.

Regularization of FDE Teachers

The Committee took up the matter of the regularization of teachers under the Federal Directorate of Education (FDE). Over several meetings, the issue was extensively discussed, leading to the regularization of 137 teachers. A formal notification confirming their permanent employment was successfully issued, providing job security to these educators.

Timely Processing of IRSIP Applications

Addressing concerns raised by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate regarding delays in the International Research Support Initiative Program (IRSIP) applications, the Committee directed the HEC to ensure the timely processing of applications based on merit. As a result, the applications were processed successfully within the deadline in December 2024.

Regularization of Teachers and Lecturers in Balochistan University

The Committee also addressed the issue of regularization of various teachers and lecturers at Balochistan University, as referred by the Deputy Chairman of the Senate. Within one week of the Committee's directions, the university issued the regularization notification for all remaining lecturers and teachers, ensuring job security for faculty members.

Issuance of Overdue Payments to Retired Professors

In response to a point of public importance matter raised by Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan regarding the delayed payments of retired professors from the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology (FUUAST), the Committee took a strong stance. After persistent follow-ups and clear directives, the long-overdue pension payments were successfully disbursed to the affected retirees.

Revival of Student Unions

The Committee actively pursued the revival of student unions in Pakistan, acknowledging their crucial role in student representation and democratic engagement. Following the

Committee's directives, the Federal Minister and HEC assured immediate action to reinstate student unions across the country.

Ban on O-Level Urdu Book Containing Derogatory Remarks

Upon receiving a complaint from Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan and raising the same in House sitting, regarding derogatory remarks about Pashtuns in an O-Level Urdu book, the Committee took swift and serious action. It recommended a nationwide ban on the book. Consequently, the book was officially banned, and an apology letter from the author and publisher was presented to the Committee.

Resolution of Issues at Balochistan University

The matter raised by Senators Aimal Wali Khan and Hidayatullah Khan regarding the hunger strike by the academic and teaching staff of Balochistan University was also discussed. The Committee directed the university administration and HEC to resolve the staff's grievances immediately, leading to a satisfactory resolution.

Resolution of LLB Students' Concerns at BZU

The Committee addressed issues faced by LLB students at Bahauddin Zakariya University (BZU). It directed the HEC and BZU Vice Chancellor to resolve the students' concerns within six months and report back to the Committee, ensuring accountability and timely action.

HEC Distinguished National Professor (DNP)

The committee directed the immediate release of funds for the HEC Distinguished National Professor (DNP) program to recognize their services. HEC assured the issuance of funds within the week and will report back to the committee.

Impact on Government Policy

The proactive measures taken by the Committee have significantly influenced government policies in the education sector. Key policy impacts include:

- i. Strengthening legislative oversight on education matters, ensuring swift implementation of laws and policies.
- ii. Enhancing transparency and efficiency in degree attestation and higher education processes.
- iii. Advocating for the job security of educators through regularization policies, setting a precedent for future employment regularization cases.
- iv. Expediting financial relief measures for retired professors, influencing government decisions on pension disbursements.

- v. Reinforcing the importance of student unions, prompting the government to facilitate their revival.
- vi. Establishing a strong stance against discriminatory content in educational materials, leading to improved curriculum oversight.
- vii. The committee emphasized the negative impact of interim appointments on institutional performance, stressing the need for permanent professionals in leadership roles. It directed that these vacancies be filled promptly to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of educational institutions.

Conclusion

The Senate Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training has played a pivotal role in addressing key educational challenges in Pakistan. Through its proactive approach, timely interventions, and rigorous follow-ups, the Committee has successfully resolved multiple long-standing issues affecting students, teachers, and universities. Its commitment to improving the education sector reflects its dedication to national progress and academic excellence. The Committee will continue to work towards strengthening educational policies, ensuring transparency, and enhancing the overall quality of education in Pakistan.

2. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Meetings Held	5
Total Hours	10 Hours

Business	No of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	01	01	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	03	03	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:

- i. Signage boards, Roads Lines / Markers placed on dangerous tracks on N-25 in Balochistan.
- ii. Expedited M-6 Hyderabad-Sukkur Motorway process by recommending NHA by prioritizing the project.

3. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE LAW AND JUSTICES

Meetings Held	05 meetings and 01 sub-committee meeting
Total Hours	05 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid/matters withdrawn	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	22	11	-	11
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	01	01	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Committee reviewed Government and Private Members' legislative proposals,-

Government Bills

- 1. "The Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024" as passed by the National Assembly.

2. The Committee reviewed the proposed transfer of administrative control of the Legal Aid and Justice Authority (LAJA) from the Ministry of Human Rights to the Ministry of Law and Justice. The shift aims to strengthen institutional linkages with legal bodies, bar councils, and commissions under the Law and Justice Division, ensuring more effective fulfillment of LAJA's mandate. After detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously recommended the passage of the Bill.
3. The Supreme Court (Practice and Procedure) (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Private Members' Bills

1. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024. (Amendment of Article 106)" introduced by Senators Manzoor Ahmed and Danesh Kumar.
2. The Committee examined the proposal to increase the number of seats in the Balochistan Provincial Assembly in light of significant population growth. Discussions centered on constitutional provisions, potential implications for other provinces, and international legislative practices. To ensure a comprehensive review, a sub-committee was constituted, which conducted further deliberations and consultations. Based on its findings, the Committee recommended the passage of the Bill.
3. These legislative initiatives underscore the Committee's commitment to strengthening legal frameworks and ensuring equitable representation within Pakistan's democratic structure.
4. The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2024" introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan.
5. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021" (Insertion of Article 25B) introduced by Senator Saadia Abbasi.
6. The Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2024" (Amendment of section 4) introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan.
7. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022" (Amendment of Article 62) introduced by Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan.
8. "The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024" introduced by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir.

4. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS & COORDINATION

Meetings Held	06
Total Hours	14 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	03	01	-	02
Calling Attention Notices	01	01	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:

1. The Committee directed the Ministry to share a comprehensive working paper on criteria for accreditation of private medical colleges.
2. The Committee recommended the Ministry to introduce a mechanism of examination for recertification of all registered doctors after every ten years.
3. The Committee directed for launching of an awareness campaign to educate mothers about the potential harmful effects of formula milk. This campaign should inform mothers about the benefits of breastfeeding and the potential risks associated with formula milk, promoting a healthier choice for infants.
4. The Committee directed that the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority should look into the difference in prices of basic medical tests. Moreover, the price lists should be displayed in every private laboratory/hospital as well as placed on the respective websites. IHRA should also constantly visit the labs/hospitals with regard to maintaining the quality of lab tests.

5. The Ministry should implement the POS system of FBR in relation to the doctors and hospitals working in the private sector to enhance revenue generation and tax collection.
6. The Committee directed the PMDC to submit a future plan for the MDCAT examination before the end of December. The future exams should be IT-based to curb the menace of cheating. PMDC should also set up a “Question Bank” in order to resolve the matter of “out of syllabus” papers permanently.
7. The Committee directed to identify the specific areas where the Government is facing problems in the Polio immunization campaign and provide a list of MNAs and MPAs from those areas. It was also suggested that legislators from those critical areas may be notified as supervisors of the Polio eradication campaign.
8. The College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan should take steps to ensure that ethical training of medical professionals translates into better medical practices.
9. Greater emphasis should be placed on research work among medical professionals. The CPSP’s medical journal should improve the impact factor through more robust research initiatives.

5. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Meetings Held	07
Total Hours	13 Hours and 30 minutes

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	01	01	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon’ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	01	01	-	-
Motion Under - 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:

- i. The Committee directed the Ministry to seek a report from the Pakistani Embassy in the UAE, with reference to the data provided by the UAE authorities regarding the involvement of the workforce in criminal activities, and furnish the same to the Committee in the next meeting.
- ii. The Committee recommended the Ministry to make efforts to employ skilled workers in Muslim-Friendly countries.
- iii. The Committee directed the Ministry of OP&HRD that the issue of visa restrictions on the Pakistani workforce in UAE must be taken up at political as well as Government/Diplomatic levels with the concerned authorities to resolve the issue. Furthermore, the Ministry of OP&HRD must share the progress report with the committee.
- iv. The Committee recommended the Ministry to establish a Regional OPF Office at Gilgit- Baltistan, to facilitate the Overseas Pakistanis belonging to that region.

6. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE RAILWAYS

Meetings Held	06
Total Hours	12 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bills	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	04	-	-	04
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	01	01	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Committee under the chairmanship of Senator Jam Saifullah Khan has played a crucial role in addressing key issues concerning Pakistan Railways, ensuring improved governance, efficiency, and transparency. Through rigorous discussions and oversight, the Committee has provided strategic recommendations aimed at enhancing railway operations, mitigating corruption, and ensuring public safety.

2. The Main Line-1 (ML-1) Project, a critical initiative for the modernization of Pakistan Railways, was extensively reviewed by the Committee. Members conducted a comprehensive analysis of the project's scope, financial implications, and strategic importance. The Chairman of the Committee emphasized the necessity of securing a cost-effective loan to minimize financial burden. The Committee stressed that the project must result in reduced travel time, enhanced safety standards, and positive environmental impacts. It actively advocated for the early commencement of the project, recognizing its significance as the lifeline of Pakistan Railways.

3. In response to a starred question by Senator Shahadat Awan, the Committee passed critical recommendations aimed at enhancing efficiency and transparency in Pakistan Railways' governance. The Committee actively pursued cases of embezzlement and financial mismanagement, reinforcing its commitment to curbing corruption within the Ministry of Railways. It urged systematic reforms to prevent financial irregularities and ensure greater accountability of officials.

4. Recognizing the need for improved passenger services, the Committee advocated for Enhanced security measures upgraded service quality, and Infrastructure development during railway operations to ensure passenger safety and to provide a more comfortable and reliable travel experience.

5. The Committee conducted a rigorous review of causes related to the illegal occupation of railway land by land grabbers. It scrutinized past audit reports and misconduct cases, directing authorities to take immediate action against illegal occupants. Pending inquiries related to embezzlement and land misappropriation were brought under review, with briefings solicited from NAB (National Accountability Bureau) and FIA (Federal Investigation Agency). The Committee issued strict recommendations for disciplinary action against railway officials found involved in misappropriation and corruption.

6. The Committee's under proactive engagement and strategic recommendations have had a significant impact on government policies related to Pakistan Railways. Its commitment to transparency, efficiency, and public service enhancement continues to

drive necessary reforms, ensuring a more reliable, secure, and modern railway network for the country.

7. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE HOUSING AND WORKS

Meetings Held	11
Total Hours	33 Hours

Business	No. of matters referred to the committee	No. of Reports laid	No. of matters lapsed	No. of matters under consideration
Legislative Business	-	-	-	-
Calling attention Notice	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
The matter referred by the Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the committee/ impact on Govt policy

- i. Stopped the further illegal and high-rise buildings construction in F-12 and G-12.
- ii. Vacated the land of Constantia Lodges Murree.

8. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE PRODUCTION

Meetings Held	04
Total Hours	06 Hours

No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matter Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-

Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy

The Committee attended the 12th addition of the defence International Exhibition and Seminar (19/22 November 2024) in Karachi where the Committee met the international delegates and promoted exports of Pakistani weapons.

9. SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Meetings Held	04
Total Hours	06 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	3	-	-	3
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matters Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ impact on Government Policy

The Committee took up a number of important human rights issues and issued directions to not only the Ministry of Human Rights but also other relevant authorities for timely corrective measures. Committee’s intervention led to swift action against culprits of harassment of women, child kidnappings, trafficking, rape and murder, and violation of the rights of mines workers. The Committee also made several far-reaching policy recommendations, suggested key amendments in laws, and passed critical observations on practices that are in contravention of human rights conventions.

10. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POWER

Meetings Held	07
Total Hours	10 Hours

	No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matter Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	01	01	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon’ble Chairman	01	01 Report submitted in the office of Chairman	-	-
Point of Public Importance	03	03	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/ impact on Government Policy:

With the intervention and directions of the Committee, the Government reviewed its policies and agreements with the IPPs, especially the Bagasse based IPPs whose agreements were made by linking the price of bagasse with the imported coal price which

was highly objectionable. So the Committee issued directions and the Government reviewed the agreements and revised the Bagasse price by de-linking it from the imported coal price and linking it with local currency being a local commodity which was a major achievement on the part of the Committee.

11. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Meetings Held	07
Total Hours	17 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	02	02	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/impact on Government policy

Cannabis Control Regulatory Authority Bill passed was by the Committee to regulate the cultivation of cannabis plant, extraction, refining, manufacturing and sale of derivatives of the plant for medicinal and industrial use for a potential multi-billion dollar international market leading to foreign exchange earnings. Furthermore, the Standing Committee is working in collaboration with Ministry of Science and Technology for strengthening Pakistan's science and technology sector by addressing governance challenges and ensuring effective management of related institutions particularly in achieving its objectives—through technology, innovation, and industrial collaboration while overseeing its operational setup, resource allocation, and structural challenges.

12. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION

Meetings Held	11
Total Hours	33 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	3	01	-	02
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	--	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	01	01	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:

The Senate Standing Committee on IT & Telecom passed the Digital Nation Pakistan Bill, 2025". The Digital Nation Pakistan Act, 2025 aims to transform Pakistan into a digitally empowered nation by fostering a dynamic digital society, a robust digital economy, and efficient digital governance. The enactment of this legislation reflects Pakistan's commitment to responsibly leveraging digital technologies of economic growth, modern governance and digital inclusion aligning the nation with global best practices in the digital age.

The Bill establishes key governance bodies: the National Digital Commission (NDC), Strategic Oversight Committee (SOC) and the Pakistan Digital Authority (PDA). The NDC, chaired by the Prime Minister and comprising federal and provincial leadership, will set the strategic vision and policy framework for the country's digital transformation. The PDA will implement these policies by coordinating and harmonizing digital initiatives across all levels of government and the SOC monitors the PDA's performance and provides an independent review to the NDC ensuring alignment with the Masterplan.

13. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON KASHMIR AFFAIRS AND GILGIT-BALTISTAN

Meetings Held	03
Total Hours	04 Hours 15 Minutes

Business	No. of matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bills	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matters referred by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under Rule 218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/ impact on Government Policy:

The Committee sought detailed briefings from the Ministry as well as the governments of the AJ&K and Gilgit-Baltistan with regard to development projects along with the budgetary allocations. Additionally, the Committee recommended that the role of the Ministry should be enhanced with respect to the PSDP projects for Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit Baltistan.

14. SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON DEVOLUTION

Meetings Held	09
Total Hours	13 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bills	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Committee discussed matters pertaining to the Devolution/ non-devolution of subjects, resources and other related issues. Necessary recommendations and directions were given to the departments and ministries. Compliance reports are being received from the relevant entities about improvement in the cases discussed. The Committee is committed to resolving grievances of the provinces and improved coordination between the Federation and its units.

15. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL INITIATIVES

Meetings Held	12
Total Hours	15 Hours

Business	No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matter Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	2	2	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:

- i. The Committee thoroughly examined the PSDP Projects and submitted its report along with recommendations before the House Report on CPEC Authority Bill, 2022.
- ii. The Committee during the year visited Regional Headquarters of the Provinces to scrutinize the progress of Provincial PSDP's Projects and make recommendations.

16. SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

Meetings Held	05
Total Hours	5 Hours and 40 Minutes.

Busienss	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee/Suo Moto	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of matter under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notice	-	-	-	-

Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-
Achievement of the Committee/ impact on Government policy	-	-	-	-
Note taken under Rule 159 of the RPCB in the Senate, 2012	10	04	-	06

Achievements of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:

The Senate Functional Committee on Government Assurances is mandated to take note of the assurances, promises, commitments, and undertakings made by the Federal Government on the floor of the House and to regularly report on their implementation. The Committee, on its own initiative, reviews assurances and seeks updates from the Government regarding their implementation. Through its regular meetings, the Committee ensures government accountability for the assurances given. In this way, the Committee has a significant impact on government policy, ensuring the timely implementation of assurances.

17. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION & SOCIAL SAFETY

Meetings Held	03
Total Hours	08 Hours

Business	No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matter Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	02	-	-	02

Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy

The important issue of appointment of Managing Director, Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal was taken up in the Committee's meeting dated 19th September 2024, wherein, the matter was discussed at length. The Committee strongly recommended that the key position of M.D., Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal may be filled on merit and on priority, resultantly, M.D., Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal was appointed after a lapse of several months on 20-12-2024

18. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STANDING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS & INTERFAITH HARMONY

Meetings Held	04
Total Hours	7 Hours

Business	No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matter Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	2	-	-	2
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	1	-	-	1
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

19. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Meetings Held	05
Total Hours	7-8 Hours

Business	No of Matter Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matter Lapsed	No. of matters under Consideration
Legislative Business/ Bill	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	01	-	-	01
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman	02	02	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-
Achievement of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the committee/ impact on Government Policy:

On the direction of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, a desk to facilitate the families of Pakistani expatriate prisoners in foreign jails is under the process of establishment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad.

20. STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING

Meetings Held	04
Total Hours	08 Hours

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Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under consideration.
Legislative Business/Bill	-	01		02
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	04	-	-	04
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-
Achievements of the Committee/impact on Government Policy	-	-	-	-

21. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Meetings Held	10
Total Hours	27 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under consideration
Legislative Business	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matters Referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under Rule 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee / Impact on Government Policy:

The Committee thoroughly discussed about completed and ongoing projects related to the Power Sector, Communications Sector, Water Sector, and Provincial Governments of Sindh, Balochistan, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under multilateral, bilateral development partners, and UN agencies including their proposals, tendering process along with consultant and up-to-date progress, interest paid by federal government/departments. Some of the achievements of the Committee while highlight the shortcomings/irregularities of different departments in utilizing these loans. The main focus of the Committee was to establish a check-and-balance mechanism in EAD to ensure the transparency in utilization of loans and completion of projects within a specific time and monitoring of the whole process from proposal and tendering till completion. The details are as under:-

- i. Upon repeated recommendations made by the Committee, EAD informed the Committee that the revised incentive/stipend for students under the Pakistan Technical Assistance Program (PTAP) has already been forwarded to the Ministry of Finance for approval.
- ii. The Committee reviewed the 66 km Petaro to Sehwan scheme, financed by the ADB, noting project faults. Due to normal heavy traffic blockages at Sehwan and expected in the future, the Committee recommended the inclusion of the Sehwan Bypass in the PSDP. The EAD and NHA agreed and will submit a feasibility report and include the project in PSDP in the next financial year. The departments failed to seek the NoC from M/o Railways. Regarding 43 km- Ratodero to Shikarpur and 59 km-Kandhkot-Kashmore sections, are also still not completed due to lacking NHA and Contractor. The surprising trend revealed by the Committee in the NHA Province is late about three years and department has not taken any action against officials involved, Consultants, and Contractors and the federal government is already paying the interest rate and escalation charges will be made to the Contractor.
- iii. The Committee observed that Contractor selection for the Peshawar-Torkham Expressway took over a year and suggested that using the Single-Stage Two-Envelope process.
- iv. Would have saved time. As per international standards, the bidding process typically requires 45 days, plus evaluation time. The current approach, requiring the contractor to submit the BoQ, drawings, and design for technical evaluation, may cause further delays and accountability concerns.

iv. The Committee suggested that EAD establish a separate desk, headed by a technical expert and supported by specialists from the power, road infrastructure, and water sectors, to enhance the monitoring mechanism and follow-up on projects executed in collaboration with multilateral development partners, bilateral development partners, and UN agencies.

v. The Committee also discussed ongoing power sector projects under multilateral development partners. It conducted a thorough review of the 765kV Dasu-Islamabad Transmission Line and found that the project's physical progress at the site was approximately 0%, with only about 60% of the drawings submitted. This was particularly alarming given that the project commenced in June 2022, with a scheduled completion date of June 2025. The Committee was further concerned that, to date, the only expenditure made was the payment of the mobilization advance, with no payments for actual work done at the site, while the federal government was already paying interest on the project. It was also surprising that officials of NTDC and 765kV Dasu - Islamabad T/L admitted that this physical progress was only caused due to the ineligibility of the Consultants and contractors of LoT-I & II in the light of the required experience, technical experience, and financial capability mentioned in the bidding documents which was a huge violation and country will face an unbearable loss.

vi. The Committee expressed serious concerns about accountability and identified an irregularity involving an additional cost of Rs. 1.282 billion due to extra income tax added to the actual tender cost quoted by the contractor at the time of bid submission. This was a clear violation of the BoD, NTDC approval (dated 16.03.2024), the letter of acceptance (27.03.2024), and the bidding documents. The NTDC MD and the former C.E. / PD (PMU-DTLP) admitted that this was a mistake. As the department failed to provide a satisfactory explanation for this malpractice, the Committee called for strict action. The Chairman Committee wrote a letter to the Federal Minister for Energy (Power Division) and the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs to ensure the recovery of Rs. 1.282 billion and action to be taken against involved officials.

vii. Regarding ADB 401 B 2022 LoT II A (ACSR Bunting Conductor), the Committee observed that the contract was awarded to the second-lowest bidder, M/s Newage Cables Lahore, instead of the first-lowest bidder, M/s Henan Tong-Da China, which resulted in a huge loss to the national exchequer. The Committee noted that the second-lowest bidder did not meet the required criteria for similar experience with ACSR Bunting Conductor for the project. Additionally, the Committee expressed concerns over how departments handle foreign-funded projects, highlighting the lack of a robust check-and-balance mechanism and transparency to ensure cost efficiency from the tendering process to the timely completion of projects.

viii. The Committee thoroughly reviewed the 2 × 660 MW Coal-Fired Power Project in Jamshoro and observed that, according to the briefing by GHCL, only LoT-I will be commissioned, while LoT-II will be dropped due to funding issues. The feasibility study report had been prepared for both LoTs. The Power Division and GHCL should have thoroughly examined the proposal before submitting it to the EAD.

ix. Regarding the delay in hiring a consultant for the 2 × 660 MW Coal-Fired Power Project Jamshoro (LoT-I), the Committee noted a delay of more than two years in the hiring process and emphasized the need to address the persistent trend of project delays. The Committee further observed that such issues arise when no permanent CEO, GHCL has been appointed for the past four years.

x. The Committee also discussed ongoing projects by the Project, the Committee raised concerns about the criteria used for selecting beneficiaries and recommended that a fair and transparent process be followed. Additionally, it observed that not a single individual affiliated with opposition parties in interior Sindh was receiving assistance from BISP. The Committee recommended providing the list of beneficiaries and criteria in all districts of Sindh Province.

xi. Regarding the criteria for hiring a Contractor for 765kV Dasu Islamabad (Transmission Line (LoT-I), the Committee noted that M/s Sinohydro Corporation Limited's experience did not meet the requirements for the EPC contract of LoT-I, does not meet the criteria and disqualified by Consultant for both Lots due to not completing the required conditions of bidding documents. Unfortunately, it appears that technical experience requirements were set by the department (NTDC) and Consultant to favour specific companies including LoT-II rather than aligning with the actual needs of the project.

xii. The Committee emphasized the importance of transparency at all stages of project execution and recommended that NTDC be re-organized to ensure the smooth and transparent completion of ongoing projects and action to be taken against involved officials and consultants. Contractors and Members, BoD (NTDC). The Committee was informed by DMD, NTDC that a draft procurement policy has been prepared and is expected to be approved by the BoD of NTDC within the next few weeks. The Committee urged to include the paras regarding strict action against the involved persons who are committing these types of crimes.

xiii. The Committee expressed serious concerns over delays in Korea-funded Communications Sector projects, citing design changes and lengthy consultant hiring as key factors, leading to millions in interest payments. Consultants and contractors were chosen from a Korean Exim Bank-provided list, infringing on Pakistani citizens'

constitutional rights by limiting fair participation opportunities. It was surprising that the country that will approve the loan for the project, then how will they impose their own country-related Consultants and Contractors, which is totally a conflict of interest and violation of Pakistan’s bylaws. It was the apprehension of the Committee that how Government of Pakistan has agreed on such types of conditional loans which is against the transparency, and projects will be managed with high prices by the companies of such country and the Government of Pakistan will bear the huge losses.

22.SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR

Meetings Held	08
Total Hours	25 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	22	20	02	06
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Question	03	03	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon’ble Chairman	01	01	-	-
Point of Public Importance	03	03	-	-
Motion Under- 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee:

i. The Senate Standing Committee on Interior has made considerable progress in addressing legislative and administrative challenges in Pakistan, ensuring that essential laws are enacted and public grievances are effectively addressed. Over the course of 2024-2025, the committee has successfully passed a number of key bills, strengthening the legal framework and responding to emerging issues. Among these, the Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2024, and the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 stand

out for their focus on modernizing legal structures in response to contemporary challenges, such as electronic crimes and mental health protections. The Fatal Accidents (Amendments) Bill, 2024, and Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2024 also reflect the committee’s efforts to improve public safety and streamline governance. In addition, the committee passed critical legislation like the National Forensic Agency Bill, aiming to enhance Pakistan’s investigative capabilities, and the PECA (Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act) Amendment Bill, 2025, which further addresses digital security and crimes online.

ii. In addition to legislative work, the committee has been highly responsive to public petitions and national issues including law and order, national security, terrorism, etc. Moreover, the committee has provided a platform for Senators to bring national issues to the forefront. Concerns such as terrorist incidents in Balochistan and KPK, the abduction of Priya Kumari, and ongoing development issues in Islamabad have been thoroughly discussed. These discussions show the committee’s role in providing oversight and driving accountability on critical issues affecting security and development across the country.

23. STANDING COMMITTEE ON MARITIME AFFAIRS

Meetings Held	01
Total Hours	02 Hours

Business	No. of Matters referred to Committee	No. of Reports laid	No. of Matters lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bills	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon’ble Chairman Senate	01	-	-	Release of the outstanding amount on account of Gawadar Deep Water Port Projects, Phase-I
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee/ impact on Government policy:

The Committee carried out extensive discussions on various important issues during the meeting and gave directions in this regard. A few key recommendations are highlighted as under;

- i. Comprehensive details of properties, land, and infrastructure, including hotels, and office towers, under the possession of all organizations of the Ministry, complete with a timeline of the date of purchase, cost, location, and current status concerning usage. Also, mention the details of land that is in illegal possession as well as in illegal use if any.
- ii. Complete list of the appointments/inductions made during the last five years in all organizations of the Ministry in its different departments, including ghost employees; the procedure followed for the purpose.
- iii. Details/list of the names and date of appointment of the Board of Directors of each department/ organization, along with the date of expiry of each board.
- iv. Details regarding the purchase of ships, including cost and bidding/procurement process by respective organizations with particular reference to PNSC.
- v. Complete list regarding terms and conditions of ports extension contracts, major procurements made, as well as those still in the pipeline, including the cost incurred and procedure/process followed. Also, the procedure and contracts awarded for dredging in KPT, PQA, and GPA for the last five years.

24. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIES AND PRODUCTION.

Meetings Held	06
Total Hours	12 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Calling Attention	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Notice				
Questions	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Matter Referred by Hon'able Chairman Senate	One	N/A	N/A	N/A (one referred matter was disposed of during the Committee Meeting held on 23 rd August, 2024)
Point of Public Importance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Motion under 218	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Major Achievements and Impact on Government Policy of the Senate Standing Committee on Industries and Production

1. Enhancing Industrial Efficiency and Policy Implementation Rightsizing of Institutions:

The Committee has discussed the rightsizing policy of the government and directed that in the process of the right sizing, the rights of the existing employees should be protected. The Committee facilitated the right sizing of 29 institutions under the Ministry of Industries and Production, prioritizing efficiency and better management. It also emphasized merging and privatizing underperforming entities, reflecting the government’s commitment to public sector reform.

Impact: These measures are expected to enhance operational efficiency and reduce the financial burden on the government.

2. Strengthening Cold Storage as an Industry

Advocated for including cold storage under the industrial sector to restore their access to industrial electricity rates.

Impact: This policy change fosters growth in cold storage facilities and supports the agriculture and food sectors by reducing storage costs.

3. Advancing the Electric Vehicle (EV) Sector

Promoted EV-friendly infrastructure by suggesting policies for affordable customs duties and encouraging local manufacturing.

Impact: These efforts support environmental sustainability and diversification of the automobile sector.

4. Improving Automobile Standards and Accountability

Mandated strict adherence to WP-29 safety standards by car manufacturers and sought accountability for vehicle delivery delays through compensation mechanisms.

Impact: Enhances consumer protection, safety standards, and competitiveness in the auto industry.

5. Promoting Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)

Highlighted SME contributions to GDP and employment. Directed SMEDA to develop a policy for youth employment, particularly in South Balochistan.

Impact: Strengthens regional economic development and supports national employment goals.

Revamping Utility Stores Corporation (USC)

Reviewed plans for USC privatization and called for detailed employee information to ensure transparency and fair treatment.

Impact: Ensure accountability and protect employee rights during organizational restructuring.

Export Processing Zone Authority (EPZA) Initiatives:

Acknowledged the EPZA's role in promoting foreign investment and export-oriented industries while recommending improvements in infrastructure and streamlined processes.

Impact: Improve economic growth, innovation, and international competitiveness.

Enhancing Monitoring and Accountability: Recommended universal mechanisms for real-time monitoring of vehicle deliveries and compensation payments. Ensured transparency in Auto Policy implementation by involving stakeholders like the Public Accounts Committee.

Impact: Strengthens policy compliance and public trusting government initiatives.

Encouraging Sector-Wise Policy Formulation Directed EDB to provide detailed updates and action plans for Solar Policy, Auto Policy, Mobile Policy, and EV Policy while integrating feedback from stakeholders like the Federal Board of Revenue and Ministry of Commerce.

Impact: Aligns sectoral policies with national priorities and facilitates industrial growth.

25. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PETROLEUM

Meetings Held	07
Total Hours	14 Hours

Business	No. Of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Of Report Laid	No. Of Matter Lapsed	No. Of Matter Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bills	01	01	-	-
Calling Attention Notice	01	01	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter Referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	02	02	-	-
Point of Public Importance	01	01	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-
Public Petition	01	01	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

During the parliamentary year, the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum played a vital role in legislative scrutiny, policy oversight, and governance improvements in the petroleum sector. The Committee reviewed key legislative business, including "The Pakistan Minerals Regulatory Authority Bill, 2024," and examined matters referred by the Chairman Senate, such as gas pricing subsidies, unauthorized third-party sales, and outstanding dues in petroleum projects. It addressed public concerns raised by calling attention to notices, motions under Rule 218, and points of public importance, leading to necessary policy interventions. Additionally, the Committee ensured compliance with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) commitments by oil and gas companies, directing the effective utilization of welfare funds. Through rigorous deliberations, it contributed to resolving regulatory challenges, improving gas supply mechanisms, and enhancing the operational efficiency of state-owned enterprises, thereby strengthening governance and accountability in the petroleum sector.

26. SENATE COMMITTEE ON DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Meetings Held	04
Total Hours	07 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under consideration
Legislative Business	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matters Referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	01	-	-	01
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under Rule 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee / Impact on Government Policy:

From July 2024 to January 2025, the Committee held four meetings, all chaired by Senator Naseema Ehsan, the Committee's Chairperson. During each meeting, the Committee issued directions to the relevant institutions and departments, instructing them to take note of its reservations and incorporate the necessary amendments to the rules as recommended. In this regard, the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration and the Ministry of Interior committed to reviewing the ICT Auqaf Rules, 2023, in consultation with the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) and the *Ulema* Committee, Islamabad. According to a representative of the ICT Administration, the review process is currently underway and is expected to be finalized before the Committee's next meeting.

On the issue of parentless or unsupported children, the Committee has repeatedly issued strong directives to the Ministry of Human Rights and the Child Protection Institute Islamabad to present a concrete legislative proposal aimed at protecting and safeguarding unclaimed and abandoned children in Islamabad. Additionally, the Committee recommended that provincial child protection bureaus and commissions collaborate with the Ministry of Human Rights to develop a comprehensive framework for the protection of unclaimed children. All relevant institutions pledged full compliance with the Committee's directions and assured that legislative proposals would be presented to the Committee as and when required.

27. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE

Meetings Held	26
Total Hours	78 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	8	8	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	2	2		
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	1	1		1
Point of Public Importance	2	2		
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Committee considered 26 miscellaneous issues other than the business referred from the House/Public Petitions. More than 70% of matters were resolved. These issues include matters related to FBR, Services provided by Banks, the State Bank of Pakistan, and Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP).

28. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AVIATION

Meetings Held	01
Total Hours	2.15 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters lapsed	No. of Matter under consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	-	-	-	-

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Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matters referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	01	-	-	01
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-

29. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Meetings Held	03
Total Hours	08 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	01	01	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	01	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Senate Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs extensively discussed the functions and responsibilities of the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) and its role in ensuring free, fair, and transparent elections. The committee deliberated on key issues, including electronic voting machines, internet voting, and voting opportunities for overseas Pakistanis. Emphasizing the need for electoral reforms, the discussion underscored the importance of reviewing and improving the system to uphold transparency in both letter and spirit.

30. FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS

Meetings Held	08
Total Hours	20 Hours

	No. of matters referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters under Consideration
Legislative Business / Bill	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Calling Attention Notice	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matters referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under – 218	-	-	-	-

Achievement of the Committee / Impact on Government Policy

The Committee engaged relevant stakeholders to promote balanced development in different areas of the country and paid special attention to the problems of less developed areas. Key focus areas of the Committee remained Human development through equal job opportunities, Infrastructure development, Energy, Road networks, IT, banking, disaster risk management /rehabilitation, and transparency. The issue of non-provision of electricity to the agriculture sector especially the farmers of Balochistan was considered in many sittings, and the Committee was successful in convincing the Power Division to introduce modern technology of solarization of tube wells so that farmers of Balochistan can utilize uninterrupted water supply like developed areas of the country. Issue of poor road infrastructure in less developed areas and incomplete road projects was taken up with Ministry of Communication almost in every meeting of the Committee. Resultantly, NHA gave assurance to kick start the stalled Sukkur-Hyderabad Motorway project during 2025. Dualization & Rehabilitation works on N-25, N-55 and other important highways of Sindh and Balochistan have also been expedited. The safety of commuters was also stressed and NHA has executed various road safety projects on the instructions of the Committee. On the intervention of the Committee, NHA has expedited work on remaining portion of Lowari Tunnel, Kalash & Reshun roads of KPK. In order to develop the poverty hit communities living on the borders alongside Afghanistan & Iran, the Committee tasked Ministry of Commerce to utilize all options to revive operations of border markets.

Furthermore, on instructions of the Committee, the Ministry of Commerce took positive initiatives to address trade issues on Pak-Iran borders, benefitting billion of rupees to traders. Issue of malpractices in FGEHA Park Road project was hid under carpet by concerned authorities, however, the Committee for the purpose of transparency, good governance and to safeguard interests of low income federal government employees, convinced concerned Ministries to hold proper proceedings under relevant laws & hold accountable the wrong doers. The Committee Members also raised several public importance issues concerning their areas and the Committee through repeated follow ups resolved many matters providing relief to the public.

31. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES

Meetings Held	04
Total Hours	06 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	02	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	09	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Committee upheld the privilege of the members. It has worked on the rules referred by the House diligently, wisely and accurately. It has got the government servant realized that they are also subject to the law, and they cannot play with the law. They are amenable to the law. Nobody is above the law. Committee has proved itself a platform where the violation of the rules are challenged and get corrected under the oversight of parliamentary committee.

32. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CABINET SECRETARIAT

Meetings Held	09
Total Hours	30 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	09	04	-	05
Calling Attention Notices	01	-	-	01
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	02	01	-	01
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat held an in-depth discussion on several important laws including the law to amend civil servants to guarantee higher quotas for women and non-Muslims and to limit dual national's involvement, deposits of access funds in the Federal Consolidated Fund by the Abandoned Properties Organization to name a few. Additionally, the Committee has evaluated the operations and output of over six independent bodies and authorities within its jurisdiction and has advised the relevant parties to adopt a people-centric approach. Understanding the need of addressing pressing public interest concerns, the Committee has convened a few sessions to discuss the unlawful practice of combining carbon dioxide and LPG, which has already resulted in over 15 fatalities and significantly lowered the quality of life for survivors in Multan. The Committee has also recommended to formulate a Sub-Committee on the same.

33. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATION

Meetings Held	09
Total Hours	18 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	02	01	01	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/ Impact on Government Policy:

The Standing Committee on Climate Change and Environmental Coordination has been actively addressing critical issues since its formation. To date, the Committee has convened nine meetings, during which it has deliberated on various high-priority matters.

The Committee addressed several critical issues in Islamabad, including wastewater treatment plants, water filtration plants, nallas, energy transition, electric vehicle policy, and the Rawal Dam project. Notably, the Committee successfully discussed and made significant efforts in implementing the Single-Use Plastics Prohibition Regulation's 2023, ensuring its enforcement within the Islamabad Capital Territory.

Key discussion areas included:

- Wastewater treatment plants' capacity, operational status, and damage to sewage lines.
- Water filtration plants' quality, supply, health impacts, pipeline damages, and corrective actions.
- Nallas' challenges, environmental impact, and governing laws and regulations.
- A comprehensive energy transition plan for a sustainable energy future.
- Electric vehicle policy, Euro Five fuel standards, and capacity constraints.
- Rawal Dam project's recharging efforts, water testing, conservation, and addressing fish mortality.

The above certainly demonstrate the Committee's commitment to addressing Islamabad's environmental and infrastructure challenges.

34. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES

Meetings Held	09
Total Hours	18 Hours

	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matter under consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	-	-	-	-
Matter referred by Hon'ble Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion Under-218	-	-	-	-
Achievement of the Committee/impact on Government policy	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee/Impact on Government Policy:-

1. Draft legislation upon rivers in ICT, as directed by the Committee was prepared and shared with the concerned Ministry for further process.
2. The Federal Flood Commission has started updating the data about movers and monsoons on the website as recommended.
3. Deliberation upon the deputation of water in Pakistan sought from the Ministry.
4. A report on the status of contamination of drinking water in ICT was prepared upon recommendation by the committee.
5. Report about removal of encroachment form waterways and flood plans of REVERES was prepared.

35. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Meetings Held	09
Total Hours	18 Hours

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. of Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matters Under Consideration
Legislative Business	-	-	-	-
Calling Attention Notices	-	-	-	-
Questions	01	01	-	-
Matters referred by Hon. Chairman Senate	-	-	-	-
Point of Public Importance	-	-	-	-
Motion under 218	-	-	-	-

Achievements of the Committee / Impact on Government Policy:

- i. The main focus of the Senate Standing Committee on Commerce was to hold an in-depth discussion with various Trade & Investment Officers (TIOs) of the Ministry of Commerce posted in 28 countries abroad, who highlighted the huge potential of different sectors in their respective states. During the year, the Committee actively worked towards enhancing trade and export facilitation. The details are as under:
- ii. It recommended strengthening coordination between the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and trade associations to improve export opportunities.
- iii. To boost pharmaceutical exports, the Committee proposed the establishment of a specialized pharmaceutical export council. It also advised TDAP to develop an annual business plan in consultation with industry stakeholders to ensure a more structured approach to trade development.

- iv. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of Commerce and TDAP designate officials from TDAP’s Zonal Office in Quetta to conduct awareness sessions, helping traders better understand and submit EIF forms, with an additional suggestion to provide these forms in Urdu for accessibility.
- v. To enhance transparency and credibility, TDAP was directed to submit a comprehensive list of 124 events under ABP 2024-25 and share details of the next 10 exhibitions, allowing the Senate Committee on Commerce to nominate parliamentarians for participation, thereby strengthening Pakistan’s trade representation.
- vi. The committee recommended establishing a quota in international trade exhibitions organized by TDAP to support start-ups from Balochistan, KP, AJK, GB, and Sindh, ensuring their inclusion in global trade opportunities.
- vii. TDAP was directed by the committee to conduct a comprehensive study on the production and export of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), analyzing successful models from countries like Jordan, Nigeria, Vietnam, South Africa, Egypt, and Malaysia.

36. SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL

Meetings Held	02
Total Hours	2 Hours 23 Minutes.

Business	No. of Matters Referred to the Committee	No. Reports Laid	No. of Matters Lapsed	No. of Matter under consideration
Legislative Business/Bill	01	Nil	Nil	Nil
Calling Attention Notices	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Questions	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Matter referred by Hon’ble Chairman Senate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Point of Public Importance	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Motion Under-218	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Achievement of the Committee/impact on Government policy	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

9. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS (IPR)

The Senate of Pakistan is an active member of different world forums such as IPU, CPA, Society of Clerks at the Table (SOCAT), and ASGP of the International Parliamentary Community. Accordingly, the Inter-Parliamentary Relations (IPR) Branch’s activities help to keep the Upper House of Parliament relevant, effective, and vibrant. These activities include a program of inward and outward inter-parliamentary visits, membership of inter-parliamentary organizations, participation in Parliamentary Friendship Groups, and contributing to parliamentary conferences, workshops, and study programs. Parliamentary diplomacy increases mutual understanding between countries, develops best parliamentary practices, and ensures Pakistan plays an active part in the international parliamentary community, regionally and globally. Members’ active participation in Inter-Parliamentary Organizations improves their knowledge and insights as legislators, improving parliamentary scrutiny of government.

Inter-Parliamentary Relations (IPR) Branch fosters connections between the Senate of Pakistan and global parliamentarians, complementing the relationships that exist between governments, non-governmental, and international organizations. The IPR wing strives to support the Leadership and Members of the Senate in the effective promotion and strengthening of relations with the world parliaments and multilateral parliamentary bodies through effective parliamentary diplomacy, outreach activities, frequent visits, interaction, and conduct of various seminars and conferences.

9.1. INVITATIONS EXTENDED BY SENATOR SYED YOUSAF RAZA GILANI, CHAIRMAN SENATE TO HIS COUNTERPARTS

S. NO.	DETAILS
1)	H.E. Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, dated 6 th May 2024.
2)	H.E. Mr. Nurlanbek Turgunbekovich Shakiev, Speaker of Jogorku Kenesh, Kyrgyz Republic on 18 th July 2024.
3)	H.E. Mr. Pedro Rollan, President of the Senate of the Kingdom of Spain, Madrid on 19 th July 2024.
4)	H.E Mr. Narayan Parsad Dhal, Chairperson of Nepal’s National Assembly, Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal on 13 th September 2024.

5)	H.E. Ms. Raymonde Gagne, Speaker of the Senate of Canada on 18 th November 2024
6)	H.E. Mr. .E. Mr. Wang Yang, Chairman of the National Committee of the 13 th Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, People’s Republic of China.

**9.2. CALLS ON H.E. SENATOR SYED YOUSUF RAZA GILANI,
CHAIRMAN SENATE / H.E. SENATOR SYEDAAL KHAN NASAR
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SENATE BY FOREIGN DIGNITARIES**

S. No	Date	Detail
1.	22.04.2024	Call-on by H.E. Dr. Seyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran.
2.	24.04.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Donald Blome Ambassador of the United States of America.
3.	20.05.2024	Call-on by H.E. Hakan Fidan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye.
4.	11.06.2024	Call-on by H.E. Ms. Jane Marriott, British High Commissioner.
5.	25.06.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Neil Hawkins, High Commissioner of Australia
6.	03.07.2024	Call-on by H.E Ms. Marilina Armellin Ambassador of the Italian Republic
7.	04.07.2024	Call-on with Canadian High Commissioner. At the residence of the Canadian high commissioner.
8.	11.07.2024	Call-on by The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (Fes) German Parliamentary Delegation
9.	12.07.2024	Luncheon with the President of the Azerbaijan at President's House, Islamabad
10.	19.07.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Brahim Romani, Ambassador of the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria
11.	08.08.2024	Call-on by H.E. Dr. Salah Mohammad Albdeer, Imam Masjid Al Nabvi Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
12.	29.08.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Mitsuhiro Wada, Ambassador of State of Japan to Pakistan
13.	12.09.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Frans van Daele, European Union Special Envoy for the Promotion of Religion or Belief (FoRB)
14.	25.09.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Albert P. Khorev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation

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15.	08.10.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Khazar Farh Adov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
16.	11.08.2024	Call-on by H.E. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates
17.	11.08.2024	Call-on by H.E. Dr. Reza Amiri Moghaddam, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran
18.	15.08.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Li Qiang, Premier of the People's Republic of China
19.	22.10.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Yasin MP, A Pakistani-Origin British Parliamentarian
20.	28.10.2024	Call-on by H.E. Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Speaker Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.
21.	30.10.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Atadjan Nurlyevich Movlamov, Ambassador of Turkmenistan.
22.	31.10.2024	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Mitsuhiro Wada, Ambassador of State of Japan to Pakistan
23.	05.11.24	Call-on by H.E. Mr. İrfan Neziroğlu, Ambassador of Türkiye
24.	07.11.24	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Ali Mubarak Ali Essa Al-Khater, Ambassador of Qatar
25.	18.12.2024	Call-on by H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Muhammad Bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, Chairman of the Shura Council, The Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
26.	21.01.2025	Call-on by Ms. Alexandra Berg von Linde, Ambassador of Sweden
27.	03.02.2025	Call-on by Mr. Zach Harkenrider, Minister Counsellor for Political Affairs of The Embassy of The United States of America in Islamabad
28.	04.02.2025	Call-on by H.E. Mr. AKAMATSU Shuichi, Ambassador of State of Japan to Pakistan
29.	06.02.2025	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Avazbek Atakhanov, Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic
30.	06.02.2025	Call-on Honorable Deputy Chairman Senate by H.E. Ms. Nusrat Ghani, Speaker of the House of Commons United Kingdom
31.	10.02.2025	Call-on by H.E. Mr. Mohamed Yahya, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator
32.	11.02.2025	Call-on by H.E. Manuel Frederico Pinheiro da Silva, Ambassador of Portugal
33.	18.02.2025	Call on the Honorable Syedaal Khan Nasar, Acting Chairman Senate by H.E. Mr. Ahmed Bin Salman Al-Musallam, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, the Kingdom of Bahrain

Role of Inter-Parliamentary Relations (IPR-I):

Twenty-six parliamentary delegations from the Senate of Pakistan visited abroad during the period from March 2021 to till date to further promote parliamentary diplomacy and relations with other parliaments and international parliamentary assemblies. The Honourable Chairman Senate and Members of the Senate traveled abroad for bilateral visits as well as for participating in various parliamentary events and other international fora through the IPR Division.

9.3. LIST OF OUTGOING DELEGATIONS

Sl. No.	Subject
1	Women Political Leaders (WPL) Summit 2024 was held at Athens, Greece from 19-21 March 2024.
2	148 th IPU Assembly and Related Meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland from 23-27 March 2024.
3	Invitation from Members of the National Council of Austria to visit Vienna, Austria from 12-15 May 2024.
4	Parliamentary Meeting on the Occasion of the 10 th World Water Forum in Nusa Dua Bali, Indonesia from 19-21 May 2024.
5	CPA Parliamentary Academy Residency Course for Clerks & Officials held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 9-15 June 2024.
6	Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians held in Doha, Qatar from 26-27 June 2024.
7	Visit of Honable Chairman Senate to London, UK from 27 th July to 2 nd August 2024.
8	Review of Pakistan’s 24 th to 26 th Combined Report on International Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) Geneva, Switzerland from 8 th to 9 th August 2024.
9	Workshop Parliamentary Response to Combating Gender-Based Violence & Ensuring Gender Justice held at Abuja, Nigeria from 20-22 August 2024.
10	Parliamentary Elections of Azerbaijan held in Baku on 1 st September 2024.
11	Meeting of APA Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs at Moscow Russian Federation from 25 th to 28 th September 2024.

12	149 th IPU Assembly and Related Meetings held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13 th to 17 th October 2024.
13	9 Days “Operational and Technical Training at Site along with ICT Technical Training Related to Digital Smart Resolutions” in Sevilla, Spain from 15 th to 23 rd October 2024.
14	Meeting of Standing Committee on Budget & Planning held in Doha, Qatar from 4 th to 7 th November 2024
15	World Parliamentary Forum Against Expression at Caracas, Venezuela from 4 th to 5 th November 2024.
16	IISS South Asia Security Conference held in Muscat, Oman from 15-17 November 2024 & (Connecting Visit) Parliamentary meeting on the Occasion of the 29 th United Nations Climate Change Conference held from 16-17 November 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
17	11 th Plenary Session of the International Parliament for Tolerance and Peace (IPTP) held at Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 23-26 November 2024.
18	Visit of Chairman Senate to Saudi Arabia on invitation of Chairman Shura Council Saudi Arabia from 26-29 November, 2024.
19	Regional Conference on Global Health Security, Bangkok Thailand held from 2 nd to 3 rd December 2024.
20	APA Standing Committee on Economic Affairs & Sustainable Development in Manama, Bahrain held from 8 th to 9 th December, 2024.
21	Visit to the USA for Dr. Aafia Siddiqui’s Mercy Petition held from 7 th to 13 th December 2024 in the United States of America (USA).
22	19 th Internet Governance Forum (IGF-2024) in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia held from 16 th to 18 th December, 2024.
23	APA Standing Committee on Political Affairs at Baghdad from 11 th to 12 th January, 2025.
24	International Study Visit to the Parliamentary Budget Offices of the Austrian and Irish Parliaments in Vienna and Dublin from 25 th January to 1 st February 2025.
25	2025 Parliamentary Hearing at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA from 13 th to 14 th February 2025.
26	Executive Council Meeting and 15 th Plenary Session of the APA at Baku, Azerbaijan from 17 th to 21 st February 2025.

9.4. DETAILS OF INCOMING PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

S. NO.	DETAILS
1.	Visit of H.E. Ms. Valentina Matvienko, Speaker of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation from 27 th to 29 th October 2024.
2.	Parliamentary delegation from the Senate Affairs Committee Senate of the Kingdom of Spain Visiting Pakistan from 13 th to 18 th November 2024

9.5. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Memorandum of Understanding between the Senate of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation for Strengthening of Cooperation on Parliamentary Affairs signed on 28th October 2024.

9.6. PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There are 76 Parliamentary Friendship Groups have been officially formed on 9th October 2024 with approval of the Hon’ble Chairman Senate of Pakistan. The following are 76 Parliamentary Friendship Groups:

Pakistan-Afghanistan	Pakistan-France	Pakistan-Japan	Pakistan - Sri-Lanka	Pakistan - UAE	Pakistan - Bhutan
Pakistan-Australia	Pakistan – Greece	Pakistan-Kuwait	Pakistan - South Africa	Pakistan - USA	Pakistan - Syria
Pakistan-Bahrain	Pakistan – Germany	Pakistan-Morocco	Pakistan - Saudi Arabia	Pakistan - UK	Pakistan - Argentina
Pakistan-Brazil	Pakistan – Indonesia	Pakistan-Qatar	Pakistan-Senegal	Pakistan-Oman	Pakistan-Netherlands
Pakistan-Bulgaria	Pakistan – Iran	Pakistan-Portugal	Pakistan-Spain	Pakistan-Libya	Pakistan-Denmark
Pakistan-Canada	Pakistan – Ireland	Pakistan - Russia	Pakistan - Turkmenistan	Pakistan-Uzbekistan	Pakistan - Egypt
Pakistan-China	Pakistan – Italy	Pakistan - Romania	Pakistan-Turkey	Pakistan-Tanzania	Pakistan - Sweden
Pakistan – Rwanda	Pakistan-Singapore	Pak-Switzerland	Pakistan-Tajikistan	Pakistan-Cambodia	Pakistan-Nigeria
Pakistan – Finland	Pakistan-Algeria	Pakistan-Thailand	Pakistan-Zimbabwe	Pakistan-Bangladesh	Pakistan-Yemen

Pakistan – Mexico	Pakistan-Malaysia	Pak-Azerbaijan	Pakistan-Nepal	Pakistan-Jordan	Pakistan-Maldives
Pakistan-Norway	Pakistan-New Zealand	Pakistan-Belarus	Pakistan-Djibouti	Pakistan-Cuba	Pakistan-Vietnam
Pakistan-Hungary	Pakistan-Belgium	Pakistan-EU	Pakistan-Austria	Pakistan-Poland	Pakistan-Philippines
Pakistan-Sudan	Pakistan-Kazakhstan	Pak-Kyrgyzstan	Pakistan-South Korea		

9.7. MEETINGS OF PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

Every Group has one convener and members. Out of 76 Groups, three groups have conducted their introductory meetings on specific dates. These groups are as follows:

S. No	Group Name	Date
1	Pakistan-Turkey	18/12/2024
2	Pakistan-South Africa	16/01/2025
3	Pakistan-Tanzania	17/01/2025
4	Pakistan-Sweden	18/02/2025
5	Pakistan-Japan	04/03/2025

9.8. ROLE OF INTER PARLIAMENTARY RELATIONS (IPR-II)

IPR-II has a very important role in arranging meetings of groups with Ambassadors / High Commissioners or Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) members. Following are the tasks done by IPR-II for arranging meetings:

1. Letter written to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) for Talking Points, Bilateral Brief CV of Ambassador/ high commissioner and availability of Ambassador/ High Commissioner when Convener of specific Group desire to arrange a meeting.
2. Committee room for the meeting is booked on a specific date.
3. Letter written to Research for required material.
4. Letter written to Protocol for necessary arrangements.
5. Minutes of meeting noted by Secretary of Friendship Groups.

CPA Conferences hosted by Pakistan

Event	Dates	Venue	Nominations	Status
First Joint CPA Asia and South-East Asia Regional Conference 2025	6 th to 10 th Feb., 2025	Punjab Assembly , Lahore, Pakistan	1. Hon’ble Chairman Senate Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani 2. Senator Rana Mehmood ul Hassan 3. Senator Anusha Rehman khan	Nomination/ Intimation issued. Visit confirmed by Hon’ble Members

At the multilateral level, the Senate and the National Assembly are members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) and actively participates in their events/ conferences. Brief detail of these forums is given below;

i. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU)

The Inter-Parliamentary Union is one of the oldest and biggest parliamentary organizations in the world with 173 members and 11 regional assemblies as associate members. The total Membership of IPU is divided into 06 Regional Groups. The Union has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Established in 1889, it is considered to be a focal point for worldwide parliamentary discussions and also for nurturing healthy traditions in representative democracies. The IPU supports the efforts of and works in close cooperation with the United Nations, whose objectives it shares. IPU statutory Assemblies and specialized meetings serve as a testing ground for new ideas and initiatives leading to important breakthroughs in the search for peace and advancing international cooperation. Pakistan is part of the Asia-Pacific geopolitical group. IPU holds its Assemblies, twice a year, to consider questions of international concern and also to express views on political, economic, social, cultural, humanitarian, and environmental problems of international significance.

The Senate of Pakistan became a Member of IPU in 1973, immediately after the adoption of the bicameral system of democracy and since then Senate delegations have been actively participating in IPU conferences and its related meetings. Pakistan’s representation at various IPU Committees has remained instrumental and highly recognized.

ii. COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA)

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is a platform of nations and prominent legislators from Commonwealth countries to exchange experiences and

promote understanding for parliamentary institutions by holding conferences at regular intervals for debates on matters of immediate concern to Commonwealth countries. It also connects, develops, promotes, and supports Parliamentarians and their staff to identify benchmarks of good governance and implementation of enduring values of the Commonwealth. Active participation by Senate delegations in these conferences has helped in maintaining contact with the Commonwealth countries and conveying Pakistan's stance on various matters. These conferences have also helped boost cooperation between parliaments of member countries on social and economic issues like ever-growing trade imbalance between third world and developed countries etc. Pakistan's active participation at CPA conferences has proved to be mutually beneficial to us and the forum.

The Senate of Pakistan has closely coordinated with CPA Headquarters on various parliamentary procedural and capacity-building Programs for parliamentarians and staff in the sphere of parliamentary capacity building of parliamentarians. On the invitation of the CPA Headquarters and CPA UK Branch, parliamentary delegations from the Senate of Pakistan visited London wherein Members were introduced to parliamentary practice and procedures. The Senate of Pakistan regularly attends the CPA annual conference and other related activities in coordination with the National Assembly Secretariat.

iii. ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (APA)

Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) was established as an outcome of decisions of the fifth General Assembly session of the Association of Asian Parliaments for Peace (AAPP) held in Islamabad in December 2004. However, it took two years to formally establish APA in 2006 at the 7th Session of the AAPP in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. Senate of Pakistan is one of the co-founders and Pakistan has become the birthplace of APA. The Charter of APA was adopted at the First Session of the APA Plenary in November 2006. With 44 Member Parliaments and 14 Observer Parliaments from Asia and with 10 Regional/ International Organizations as Observers, the APA has so far convened 12 Plenary Sessions.

9.9. INTER-PARLIAMENTARY ENGAGEMENTS BY THE HON'BLE CHAIRMAN SENATE

Parliamentary diplomacy plays an important role in strengthening relations between countries and their people and also provides an opportunity to develop bilateral and multilateral relations through the exchange of delegations and participation at international parliamentary events/forums.

H.E. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, the Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan, has engaged his counterparts in several bilateral meetings to strengthen Pakistan's international relations

during visits to the United Kingdom, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Austria, Ireland, and Azerbaijan. These bilateral engagements highlight the Chairman Senate's active role in enhancing Pakistan's bilateral relations through effective parliamentary diplomacy, cooperation, and exploring avenues for mutual benefit.

Bilateral Visit of the Hon'ble Chairman Senate of Pakistan to London, United Kingdom, 27th July to 2nd August 2024

H.E. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, the Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan, on the invitation from visited the United Kingdom along with a parliamentary delegation from 27th July to 2nd August 2024. The Hon'ble Chairman Senate met with H. E. Lindsay Hoyle, the Speaker of the House of Commons, and expressed the desire to further expand the bilateral relations to new levels for mutual benefit. The Hon'ble Chairman Senate also met the UK Minister of State for South Asia Mr. Hamish Falconer, MP in London.

Bilateral Visit of the Hon'ble Chairman Senate of Pakistan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (25th – 30th November 2024)

H.E. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, the Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan, on the invitation from the Chairman Shura Council of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, visited the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia along with a parliamentary delegation from 25th – 30th November 2024. During the said visit, the Hon'ble Chairman Senate held productive meetings with H.E. Dr. Abdullah Bin Muhammad Bin Ibrahim Al-Sheikh, the Chairman Shura Council of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan-Saudi Arabia Friendship Group in Shura Council, the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Abdulaziz bin Abdullah Al Al-Sheikh and other dignitaries. The delegation led by the Hon'ble Chairman also met with Sheikh Bandar Baleelah, Imam of the Grand Mosque of Makkah.

15th Plenary Session and Executive Council Meeting of the APA to be held in Baku, Azerbaijan (17th – 21st February, 2025)

H.E. Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, the Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan, led a Joint Parliamentary delegation, for participation in the 15th Plenary Session and Executive Council Meeting of the APA in Baku, Azerbaijan. During the said visit the Hon'ble Chairman Senate held productive meetings with H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, The President of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Jeyhun Bayramov, The Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan, and H.E. Ms. Sahiba Gafarova, The Speaker of the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan. The Hon'ble Chairman Senate also met with the Chairman of the Shura Council, Bahrain, the Chairman of the Shura Council, Oman, and the Speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly, Iran, and other dignitaries.

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CHAIRMAN SENATE, SYED YOUSUF RAZA GILLANI IN A MEETING WITH SAHIBA GAFAROVA, SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF AZERBAIJAN ON THE SIDE LINES OF THE 15TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY (APA) AT BAKU, AZERBAIJAN ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025.



CHAIRMAN SENATE, SYED YOUSUF RAZA GILLANI WITH PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN ILHAM ALIYEV AT BAKU, AZERBAIJAN ON FEBRUARY 19, 2025.





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CHAIRMAN SENATE, SYED YOUSUF RAZA GILLANI IN A MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN OF SHURA COUNCIL OF BAHRAIN H.E. ALI BIN SALEH AL SALEH AT BAKU, AZERBAIJAN ON FEBRUARY 18, 2025.

10. PARLIAMENTARY DEVELOPMENT UNIT (PDU)

Parliamentary Development Unit (PDU) is the work unit in the Senate Secretariat that aims to collaborate and explore partnerships with different national and international development organizations, donors, and parliaments for improved parliamentary performance in the country.

VISION

“To perform as an in-house ‘think tank’ to advise the Senate leadership on institutional partnerships with national and international entities for organizational development of the Senate and its Secretariat.”

MISSION

“To complement and spearhead the organizational development of the Senate that aligns with the international parliamentary practices through partnerships.”

Activities/Progress

Orientation program for newly elected members of the Senate of Pakistan on 6th June 2024, Parliament House, Islamabad.

An orientation program for newly elected members of the Senate of Pakistan, organized by the Senate Secretariat's Parliamentary Development Unit (PDU) in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS), was held at the Parliament House, Islamabad on the 6th June 2024. The post-election orientation program offered the newly elected senators an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Senate procedures, essential parliamentary processes and traditions, and the legislative and oversight tools available to them in exercising their constitutional and legislative duties. In addition, the members of the Senate were also provided a comprehensive overview of the legislative process, from the drafting of a bill to its final enactment. The members were apprised that effective legislation results from rigorous debate, meticulous deliberation, and collaborative effort. Each step in the legislative process is vital for ensuring that the laws enacted are well-considered, practical, and in the best interest of the public. The orientation program also included an interactive session on the formation, types, powers, and roles of Senate committees, and their importance within the parliamentary system. The orientation program saw active participation from the newly elected Senators and served as a vital platform for new senators to gain essential insights and knowledge, preparing them to effectively fulfill their legislative duties.

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Pre-Budget Session on the State of Economy and Annual Budget 2024-25 for the Members of the Senate of Pakistan at Parliament House on 11th June 2024

A Pre-Budget Session on the State of the Economy and Annual Budget 2024-25 was conducted for the Members of the Senate of Pakistan on 11th June 2024 at the Parliament House, Islamabad. Organized by the Senate Secretariat's Parliamentary Development Unit (PDU) in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS) and Mustehkam Parlmaan/IP/5 EU-funded Project and implemented by GIZ, the event was attended by existing and newly elected Senators and contained interactive sessions on budget scrutiny through parliamentary committees, the Senate of Pakistan's role in the budget making process light of constitutional provisions, understanding and analysing budget publications, and an overview of Pakistan's economic condition from a historical perspective. The Pre-Budget Seminar, held ahead of the Annual Budget 2024-25 announcement, saw participation from 33 members of the Senate of Pakistan and aimed to assist members in exercising their role in the budget-making process through detailed scrutiny, informed recommendations, and active engagement in discussions and oversight. The seminar served as a guideline for Senators to help ensure that the budget is well-constructed, transparent, and aligned with the country's economic goals and public needs.



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A high-level International parliamentary visit to the Austrian and Irish Parliaments from 25th January 2025 to 02nd February 2025 in connection to studying the Austrian and Irish Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs)

A high-level International parliamentary visit to the Austrian and Irish Parliaments to gain insights from the Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs) led by the Hon’ble Chairman Senate of Pakistan, comprising 23 distinguished members representing Pakistan’s diverse political leadership, the delegation included the speakers of the provincial assemblies, members of parliament from various political parties, as well as senior parliamentary secretariat officials. The visit focused on observing the operational models of the Austrian and Irish PBOs, both established in the last decade, to address critical challenges such as budget transparency and parliamentary independence. One of the core purposes of the visit was to enable participants to study the avenues for establishing a PBO in Pakistan, informed by best practices from Austria and Ireland.

The successful visit under the leadership of the Chairman Senate marked important bilateral interactions like the meeting of the Hon’ble Chairman Senate, Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani with the newly Elected Speaker of the Irish Parliament H.E. Ms. Td Verona Murphy in Ireland, a bilateral meeting with Ms. Andrea Eder-Gitschthaler, the President of the Federal Council of Austria, and bilateral meeting with H.E. Walter Rosenkranz, President of the National Council of Austria.

The visit was under the EU-funded project named ‘Support to Parliamentary Development in Pakistan’ known as Mustehkam Parlimaan, implemented by the GIZ and it was coordinated by the Parliamentary Development Unit (PDU) Senate Secretariat.





The European Union Delegation to Pakistan hosted a pre-departure reception regarding a high-level International parliamentary visit to the Austrian and Irish Parliaments from 25th January 2025 to 02nd February 2025 in connection to studying the Austrian and Irish Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs) on 24th January 2025

The European Union Delegation to Pakistan hosted a pre-departure reception ahead of a visit of Pakistan’s Parliamentarians to the Parliaments and Parliamentary Budget Offices (PBOs) of Austria and Ireland.

Hon. Mr. Yousaf Raza Gilani, Chairman of the Senate of Pakistan and Head of Delegation, stated:

“This visit reflects the enduring and close ties between Pakistan and the European Union, highlighting our shared commitment to fostering democratic governance and addressing common challenges. By learning from the successful Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO)

models implemented in Austria and Ireland, we aim to establish a framework in Pakistan that promotes transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility. This will empower our federal parliament and provincial assemblies with data-driven insights for more informed budgetary decisions. We extend our deepest appreciation to the parliaments of Ireland and Austria and their leadership for their invaluable cooperation and support. Their experiences will provide us with practical knowledge and best practices to guide the establishment of a PBO in Pakistan, strengthening our democratic institutions and enhancing responsible governance.”

Meetings:

Meeting with Members of the Senate and the British Delegation from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and British High Commission (BHC-Islamabad)

- i. A meeting with Members of the Senate and the British Delegation from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and British High Commission (BHC-Islamabad) was held on 18th February 2025 at CR No. 03. Parliament House, Islamabad on the following agenda: “to discuss, deliberate, and devise ways and means to design a future roadmap of collaboration with and support from the UK parliament and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), UK, and British High Commission, Islamabad.” The British delegation was comprised of Alan Whaite (Senior Governance Adviser FCDO), Matt Carter (Consultant FCDO), Haris Gazdar (Consultant FCDO), and Jaweria Jilani (Social Development advisor, DFID). The Senate of Pakistan was represented by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada and Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, along with Ms. Rida Qazi, Advisor on Special Initiatives, Senate of Pakistan.



- ii. A meeting between the Chairman Senate Standing Committee On Interior and with Representative of the British High Commission organized by the PDU in connection to the UK Pakistan Serious Crime and Law Enforcement (UPSCALE) programme
- iii. Chairman Senate, Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani being briefed by Ms. Margie Cook, Team Lead Mustehkam Parlimaan (MUP), EU funded project implemented by GIZ about the initiatives aimed at capacity building/knowledge sharing of the Members of the Senate and the Senate Secretariat on 23rd January 2025.



- iv. The Parliamentary Development Unit (PDU) had more than 12 meetings with its development partner Mustehkam Parlimaan (MuP)/IP5/GIZ in connection to negotiations and pitching ideas for organizing the workshops, assistance to Senate committees, and support to the Senate Secretariat particularly in Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Outreach: The PDU has communicated with the selected UN agencies in Pakistan and other potential development partners inviting them for mutually beneficial activities to enhance the parliamentary performance. The responses are awaited.

Concept Notes/Proposed Ideas under progress:

Upcoming: Workshop/Artificial Intelligence (AI) Week in the Senate of Pakistan

Under the vision of the Hon’ble Chairman Senate in positioning the Senate of Pakistan as a modern legislative body and its Secretariat equipped to meet the challenges of rapidly changing the world technologically, the PDU team held meetings with the Mustehkam Parlimaan (MuP) to materialize workshop/Artificial Intelligence (AI) Week. The objective(s) of the said workshop/ Artificial Intelligence (AI) Week is to equip the Senators and selected officers of the Secretariat with an understanding of AI, discuss its potential benefits and challenges, and explore real-world AI applications within

legislative bodies and its administrative functions relevant to the Senate Secretariat's operations.

- **Concept Note On Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Parliamentary Development:** The purpose of this program is to provide senators and staff members with an understanding of AI, discuss its potential benefits and challenges, and explore policy and regulatory frameworks that can ensure Pakistan remains at the forefront of AI adoption while safeguarding national interests, privacy, and ethical concerns.
- **Senate Model Series:** The series is designed to simulate the workings of the Senate of Pakistan, providing students with a hands-on experience that mirrors the legislative processes, debates, and decision-making procedures.
- **Project Proposal: Showcasing The Functions And Working Of the Senate Through Short Interviews:** The proposed project aims to conduct interviews with Senators and the Chairperson of the Senate Committees, and will include short video clips to be projected through the official social media platform of the Senate of Pakistan, including Facebook, X (formerly twitter), Instagram and YouTube, with assistance from the Senate of Pakistan's Media and I.T. directorates.
- **Legislative research and drafting clinic at the Senate Secretariat:** The Primary goals of the project include:
 - Legislative Research and Drafting Clinic at the Senate of Pakistan.
 - Gap analysis of existing legislation
 - Drafting well-researched legislative proposals
 - Promotion of plain language
 - Capacity building of Senators, Senate staff, and law graduates
 - Elective course of 'Legislative Drafting and Research' offered at law schools
 - Outreach to civil society and youth engagement
 - Engagement with Senators, officials & stakeholders
 - Execution:
 - Invite 8-10 law Graduates participants for a short-term attachment with the Senate of Pakistan, following the successful completion of their academic modules.

11. ADMINISTRATION BRANCH

The Administration Branch is mandated to carry out general administration including procurement of stationery items, equipment, store, and inventories of various items for onward provision to other offices of the Secretariat, Chairman office, offices of Chairman Senate Standing Committees located in the Parliament House Building.

The Administration Branch keeps close liaison with the Capital Development Authority's Coordination Wing, Islamabad Electric Supply Company, Sui Northern Gas Pipeline Company Ltd, Pakistan Public Works Department, and National Tele Communication for smooth provision of civil, electrical, and communication services in the Parliament House Building and allied buildings/Houses.

During Parliamentary Year 2024-2025. The Administration branch has taken major strides in modernization, adequate measures for transparency, and environmental sustainability. These initiatives have demonstrated a strong commitment to efficiency, accountability, and progressive policymaking to better serve the legislative system and the people of Pakistan.

E-TENDERING:- The Administration Branch has implemented an e-tendering system for the procurement of furniture, fixtures, and stationery, Tendering for Laundry services for the Staff, and the repair and renovation of Senate offices on both a yearly and need basis. This initiative has not only resulted in significant time and cost savings but has also enhanced transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the procurement process. By conducting open and transparent e-tenders, the dedicated Administration team has successfully introduced a modern, efficient, and transparent system, improving the overall operational effectiveness of the Administration Wing.

E-INVENTORY SYSTEM:- Pioneered the implementation of the first-ever e-inventory system for stationery, and other items in the Senate Secretariat, transforming the traditional storage and distribution process into a modern, technology-driven system to ensure 100% transparency, efficiency, and accurate record maintenance. "re-build Stationery store on modern type system".

AUCTION OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS:- To further enhance the environment, unnecessary old furniture and other unserviceable items were disposed of through an auction at profitable rates, resulting in a cleaner and more organized space.

CREATION OF VENTILATION AREA:- The emergency gate connecting the ground and first floor has been restored to ensure the safety and convenience of employees working in the basement of the Parliament House building. Additionally, the previously congested and poorly ventilated basement has been improved by refurbishing the old ventilation exhaust machines with the help of CDA.

CLOSE LIAISON WITH CDA:- A thorough survey of the offices located in Parliament House and Block C, a comprehensive utilization plan was formulated in collaboration with the Capital Development Authority (CDA). This plan ensures the effective execution of repair and maintenance works using the yearly allocated funds provided to the CDA Coordination Team in Parliament House, ensuring optimal resource utilization and sustained infrastructure maintenance.

PURCHASE OF FURNITURE ITEMS:- To meet the demands of furniture items of the offices of the Senate Secretariat located at Block-C and Parliament House buildings. The Administration branch has floated an e-tender for the purchase of necessary furniture items as no procurements were made in the last three years due to which most of the furniture was broken.

JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR BLOCK-C BUILDING:- The Senate Administration Team has successfully introduced advanced janitorial services in Block C through a transparent tendering process at competitive and cost-effective rates. Additionally, the Admin Team has actively collaborated with and assisted the National Assembly Administration Team in implementing the outsourcing of janitorial services in Parliament House. This initiative was undertaken in response to numerous complaints from Senate and National Assembly staff regarding cleanliness issues, ensuring a higher standard of hygiene and maintenance across the Parliamentary premises.

RENOVATION WORKS IN VARIOUS OFFICES LOCATED AT BLOCK-C AND PARLIAMENT HOUSE BUILDINGS:- In order to accommodate officers and to provide conducive and healthy environment, the Administration branch has surveyed the offices and found that necessary renovation works required to be carried out to provide healthy environment in offices of the Senate Secretariat both Block-C and Parliament House buildings to accommodate officers and staff of the Senate Secretariat. The details of work carried out through e-tender are as under:-

- Renovation and repair of thirteen offices of the Senate Secretariat at the internal parking area of Parliament House Islamabad.
- Construction of Fountain area in the inner parking area of Block-C Senate Secretariat.
- Renovation and Construction of the 4th Floor of Block-C, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
- Renovated the Chairpersons' Committee offices to accommodate newly elected Chairpersons, enhancing functionality and workspace efficiency.
- Carried out necessary repair/maintenance works at the camp office/ Chairman Residence.
- Renovation of 06 Rooms of senior officers of the Senate Secretariat at Parliament House.
- Renovation of Four rooms of Parliamentary Leaders at 1st Floor Parliament House.

12. SERVICES BRANCH

The Services Branch of this Secretariat has provided the following range of Services/facilities to the Hon'ble Members of the Senate during the Parliamentary year 2024-25.

ACCOMMODATION FACILITY:

The Services Branch processed the cases of the Hon'ble Senators pertaining to the allotment of suites at Parliament Lodges / Government Hostel as well as the allotment of Servant Quarters / Side Rooms and Lift Rooms at the Parliament Lodges for the staff of the Senators.

REPAIR/MAINTENANCE OF THE ALLOTTED ACCOMMODATION:

The Services Branch liaised with the Director/ Deputy Director / Caretaker of Parliament Lodges / Government Hostel, CDA for carrying out repair & maintenance of the suites allotted to the Hon'ble Senators.

MEDICAL FACILITY:

The Federal Services Medical Attendance Rules, 1990, entitle the sitting and former Members of the Senate of Pakistan and their dependents to obtain free medical treatment from the Government hospitals. In order to obtain medical treatment, the Services Branch issued the entitlement certificates to the Hon'ble Members (on Demand). Furthermore, the branch also processed Reimbursement of medical claims of the Hon'ble sitting as well as former Senators who obtained medical treatment from various hospitals countrywide in accordance with stipulated rates.

PROVISION OF PVC CARDS FOR SITTING/RETIRED SENATORS:

The Services Branch also processed the issuance of PVC cards to the Hon'ble sitting and former Senators.

COORDINATION WITH THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND PROVINCES FOR PROVISION OF SECURITY:

The Services Branch coordinated with the Ministry of Interior and the Chief Secretaries of provinces for the provision of security to the Hon'ble Senators (on demand).

PHOTOGRAPHS:

The Services Branch maintained the record and made arrangements for the preparation of photographs of Hon'ble Senators, Officers/Officials of the Senate Secretariat, required for Passport and Visa purposes as well as Security Passes, etc.

MAINTAINING THE LIST OF RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES:

The Services Branch maintained the list of the addresses and telephone numbers of the Senators of their official/local and permanent addresses to ensure timely transmission of official mail etc.

ISSUANCE OF PASSES DURING SESSIONS:

The Services Branch issued OG-I & OG-II passes to the Officers of the Ministries/Divisions who attend the session in connection with their regular business. Furthermore, the Branch also issued Gallery passes for the guests of the Hon'ble Senators and visiting delegates.

SECURITY PASSES:

The Services Branch coordinated with the Special Branch of Islamabad Police for the issuance of Security passes to the Officers/Officials of the Senate during the Session period.

ARRANGEMENT OF QARIES FOR RECITATION:

The Services Branch arranged Qaries for the recitation of the Holy Quran during the sitting of the Senate Sessions and other official functions as per the set procedure in place.

13. PROTOCOL DIRECTORATE

13.1. DETAIL OF VISITS OF VARIOUS GROUPS OF SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO SENATE OF PAKISTAN

Sr. No.	Group	Date
1.	Visit of the 36 Members of State Youth Assembly.	05-01-2024
2.	Visit of 248 Probationary Officer of 51 st CTP, Civil Services Academy, Lahore.	31-01-2024
3.	Visit of 44 Students and Faculty Members of Shaheen School & College Dabara, Tank.	04-03-2024
4.	Visit of 49 Students and Faculty Members of Mercy Educational Complex, Peshawar.	05-03-2024
5.	Visit of a Group of 10 Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS), Lahore.	03-05-2024
6.	Visit of 40 Students of Beacon House School, I-9 Campus, Islamabad.	06-05-2024
7.	Visit of the 12 Senior Faculty Members of Lahore College for Women University, Jail Road Lahore.	17-05-2024
8.	Visit of Turkish Foreign Minister to Parliament House.	20-05-2024
9.	Visit of 32 Students of Political Science Department From Islamic International University IIUI.	21-05-2024
10.	Visit of 55 Students of the History and Pak Studies department from the University of Gujrat.	27-05-2024
11.	Visit of 97 Students of Government College University Faisalabad.	29-05-2024
12.	Visit of the Spouses of the Ambassadors and High Commissioners of the Foreign Countries Residing in Islamabad.	29-05-2024
13.	Visit of 64 Students of Riphah International University, Islamabad.	30-05-2024
14.	Visit of 68 Students of Premier Public High School Pakpattan.	05-06-2024
15.	Visit of Students of International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI)	11-06-2024
16.	Visit of Mr. Mahr Husnain Sial, a Student from Islamabad.	25-06-2024
17.	Visit of 64 Students of Cadet College Petaro, Jamshoro.	27-06-2024
18.	Students of Govt. Boys Degree College Harnai.	12-07-2024
19.	Visit of 12 Students of Aldareya Academy Islamabad.	05-08-2024
20.	Ms. Saima Kesho Lal, Students Of Quaid-I-Azam University Islamabad.	06-08-2024
21.	Visit of 26 Officers Of National Counter Terrorism Authority (NACTA).	08-08-2024

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22.	Visit of 43 Group of Interns of College Pro Educational Consultancy.	09-08-2024
23.	Visit of 38 Group of Young Leaders Parliament. (57)	27-08-2024
24.	Visit of 13 Group of Officers of The Pakistan Administrative Service.	27-08-2024
25.	Visit of 32 Members of the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.	19-09-2024
26.	Visit of 21 Cadets of The Cadet College Mastung, Balochistan.	23-09- 2024
27.	Visit of 21 Member Chinese Business Delegation.	24-09-2024
28.	Mrs. Dr. Ejaz Ahmed and her family members (4).	19-11-2024
29.	Visit of 28 Participants of the 10th National Parliamentary Development Course (NPDC).	11-12-2024
30.	Visit of 21 Students and Faculty Members of Ghulam Ishaq Khan (GIK) Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology.	11-12-2024
31.	Visit of 30 Students and Faculty Members of Quaid-e-Azam Public School and College Nowshera.	13-12-2024
32.	Visit of Mr. Muhammad Umar Fayyaz House No.31, Street Islamabad.	13-12-2024
33.	Visit of 53 Students and Faculty Members of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU)	16-12-2024
34.	Visit of 60 Members Group of Pakistan Youth Parliament.	17-12-2024
35.	Visit of 177 Students and Faculty Members of the History & Politics Department University of Haripur.	18-12-2024
36.	Visit of 34 Students and Faculty Members of National Defense University (NDU) Islamabad.	19-12-2024
37.	Visit of 15 Journalists Union of Faisalabad Division C/o Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar.	19-12-2024
38.	Visit of 51 Students and Faculty Members of Islamic International University Islamabad.	20-12-2024
39.	Visit of 58 Students and Faculty Members of Air University Islamabad.	27-12-2024
40.	Visit of 244 Probationary Officers of the 52nd Common Training Programme.	02-01-2025
41.	Visit of 52 Members Group of Students and Faculty of Rawalpindi Women University.	03-01-2025
42.	Visit of 51 Member Group of Students and Faculty of Quid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.	03-01-2025
43.	Visit of 34 Member and Speaker Mr. Nazir Ahmed/Officers of Gilgit Baltistan Assembly.	14-01-2025
44.	Visit of 50 Members Group of Students and Faculty of Balochistan Residential College Loralai.	15-01-2025
45.	Visit of 30 Members Group of Students and Faculty of Iqra Rauza Tul Atfal System Akora Khattak.	15-01-2025
46.	Visit of 17 Member Group of Mardan Youth Parliament Mardan	27-01-2025

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47.	Visit of 20 Member Group of Abasyn University Peshawar	28-01-2025
48.	Visit of 65 Member Group of Mercy Pak high school Peshwar	03-02-2025
49.	Visit of 126 Member Group of Uswa College Sehala Islamabad	06-02-2025
50.	Visit of 105 Member Group of Foreign/ Pakistani Officers from Command & Staff College Quetta	10-02-2025
51.	Visit of 47 Member Group of National University of Sciences & Technology Islamabad	12-02-2025

Summary **From January, 2024 to till date.**

1.	Total Visits	51
2.	Total No. of Persons who visited Parliament House	2383

14. RESEARCH SERVICES

During the Parliamentary Year, 2024-25, the Research Directorate continued to provide not only research support, but also manage a total of three Senate Standing Committees as Secretaries of the Committees. The Research Directorate, maintaining its values of efficiency and timeliness, managed to meet deadlines and execute significant research-based assignments, information for hosted events, and briefs and talking points for both outgoing and incoming delegations. The Research Directorate also continued to supply speeches and statements for the Honorable Chairman Senate, Deputy Chairman Senate, Leader of the House, and Leader of the Opposition. Moreover, individual requests from Members of the Senate of Pakistan were also catered to by following the principles of balanced and unbiased parliamentary research.

The Research Directorate provided a wide range of research products during the Year 2024-25, which included:

- Research Briefs; Background Papers; Talking Points for local and international events; Country Profiles; Comparative Studies; Fact Sheets etc. for support during debates; and provision of statistics and data.
- Research material to the IPR Branch of the Senate with regards to UN, IPU, IPC, APA, CPA and other International Parliamentary Conferences as well as events hosted by the Senate.
- Drafted Speeches and Statements for the Office of the Honorable Chairman Senate, Deputy Chairman Senate, Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition and Members of the Senate, as and when required.
- Three Standing Committees of the Senate continue to be officiated by three officers of Research Directorate aside from their Research assignments as well.
- Highlighted National and International days for the IPR and finalizing letters to the same.
- Redrafted and edited all letters written by IPR for international communication, and parliamentary and diplomatic engagements.

14.1. STATISTICS OF RESEARCH FOR PY 2023-2024

S.No	Products	Statistics
1	Briefs for Parliamentary Delegations	111
2	Research documents for Senators	63
3	Speeches and Statements	100
4	Support to Committees	51

5	Letters and communications in coordination with IPR	92
6	Country profiles and TPs	97
7	Highlighting National and International days for the IPR	185
8	Miscellaneous Research Assignments	18

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Performance of Research Directorate PY 2024-25



- 1 Briefs for Parliamentary Delegations
- 2 Research documents for Senators
- 3 Speeches and Statements
- 4 Support to Committees
- 5 Letters and communications in coordination with IPR
- 6 Country profiles and TPs
- 7 Highlighting National and International days for the IPR

15. LIBRARY

The Library of the Senate of Pakistan provides comprehensive assistance and support to members of the Senate and the Senate Secretariat. It offers access to a vast collection of legislative, legal, and reference materials, including books, journals, reports, and digital resources. Following is the detail of services provided by the Library to the Senate of Pakistan;

- Annexure of the questions scanned and sent via email to media persons/ journalists : 31
- Books issued to the Senator and senate staff : 67
- Quick reference services to Standing Committees: 98
- References of laws provided to Legislation branch on Private Members Bills: 53
- Books purchased: 56
- 62 books are amended/ updated by enacting 34 laws.
- Online information retrieval and printing of documents: 11498
- Inter Library Loan of books: 6

16. REPORTING DIRECTORATE

Detail of Official Reports of the House proceedings prepared during the Parliamentary Year 2024-25

S. No.	Session	Date of Sitting	Status of Official Report (Verbatim)	Status of Official Report (Debate)
1.			The Report was prepared on time and also uploaded on the Senate's website	Finalized. The same has been updated on the website.
2.	336th Session	09-04-2024	-do-	Finalized
3.	337^h Session	25-04-2024	-do-	Finalized
4.	-do-	26-04-2024	-do-	Finalized
5.	-do-	29-04-2024	-do-	Finalized
6.	338th Session	21-05-2024	-do-	Finalized
7.	-do-	22-05-2024	-do-	Finalized
8.	-do-	24-05-2024	-do-	Finalized
9.	339th Session	07-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
10.	-do-	10-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
11.	-do-	11-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
12.	-do-	12-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
13.	-do-	13-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
14.	-do-	14-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
15.	-do-	20-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
16.	-do-	21-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
17.	-do-	24-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
18.	-do-	25-06-2024	-do-	Finalized
19.	340th Session	04-07-2024	-do-	Finalized
20.	-do-	05-07-2024	-do-	Finalized
21.	341st Session	05-08-2024	-do-	Finalized
22.	-do-	06-08-2024	-do-	Finalized
23.	-do-	09-08-2024	-do-	Finalized
24.	342nd Session	27-08-2024	-do-	Finalized
25.	-do-	30-08-2024	-do-	Finalized
26.	-do-	02-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
27.	-do-	05-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
28.	-do-	06-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
29.	-do-	09-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
30.	-do-	10-09-2024	-do-	Finalized

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31.	-do-	12-09-2024	-do-	Under Process
32.	-do-	13-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
33.	-do-	14-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
34.	-do-	16-09-2024	-do-	Finalized
35.	343rd Session	17-10-2024	-do-	Finalized
36.	-do-	18-10-2024	-do-	Under Process
37.	-do-	19-10-2024	-do-	Under Process
38.	-do-	20-10-2024	-do-	Finalized
39.	-do-	22-10-2024	-do-	Under Process
40.	-do-	25-10-2024	-do-	Finalized
41.	-do-	28-10-2024	-do-	Finalized
42.	-do-	29-10-2024	-do-	Under Process
43.	-do-	01-11-2024	-do-	Under Process
44.	-do-	04-11-2024	-do-	Finalized
45.	344th Session	11-12-2024	-do-	Under Process
46.	-do-	12-12-2024	-do-	Under Process
47.	-do-	13-12-2024	-do-	Under Process
48.	-do-	16-12-2024	-do-	Under Process
49.	-do-	19-12-2024	-do-	Finalized
50.	345th Session	14-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
51.	-do-	15-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
52.	-do-	17-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
53.	-do-	20-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
54.	-do-	21-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
55.	-do-	24-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
56.	-do-	27-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
57.	-do-	28-01-2025	-do-	Under Process
58.	346th Session	13-02-2025	-do-	Under Process
59.	-do-	14-02-2025	-do-	Under Process
60.	-do-	17-02-2025	-do-	Under Process
61.	-do-	18-02-2025	-do-	Under Process

17. PUBLIC PETITION TABLE

The Platform of Public Petitions has been a key component of fulfilling the Senate’s core principles of reaching out to the public at large and enabling the common man to put matters of concern onto the agenda of the Parliamentary business. The online portal simply guides the petitioners through the stages of submitting petitions, the ongoing status and progress of their petitions, and also the final outcome after consideration/decision by the house or Committees.

The subsequent section contains an overview of public petitions received and processed by the Public Petitions Table during the Parliamentary Year 2024-25.

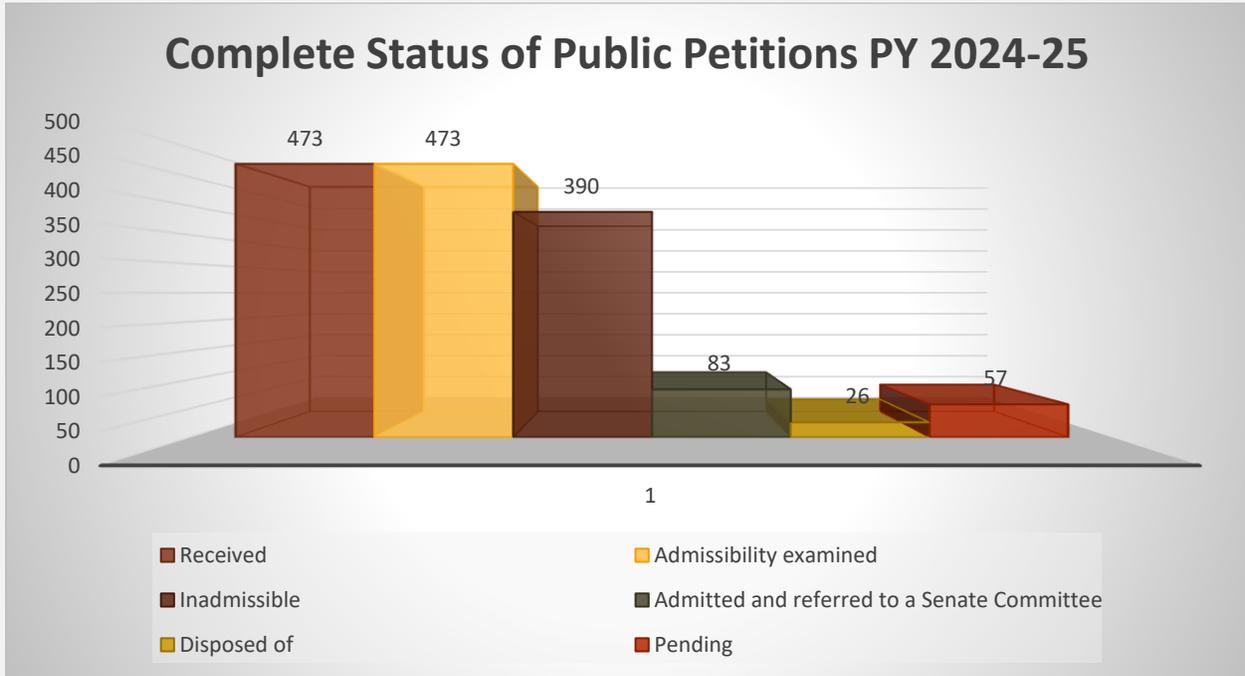
17.1. PROGRESS OF PPT DURING PY 2024-25

During the Parliamentary year 2024-25, a total of 473 public petitions were received in the PPT. After approval by the Chairman Senate on admissibility, 83 petitions were referred to Senate Committees. Out of these, 26 petitions were disposed of by the committees and 57 are still with committees to be finalized. As many as 390 petitions were found inadmissible after scrutiny.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS TRANSACTED DURING THE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR 2024-2025

S.No	Status	No. of Petitions
1	Received	473
2	Admissibility examined	473
3	Inadmissible	390
4	Admitted and referred to a Senate Committee	83
5	Disposed of	26
6	Pending	57

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17.2. RECORD OF PETITIONS REFERRED TO SENATE COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON	PETITIONS REFERRED	DISPOSED OF	PENDING
Parliamentary Affair	1	1	0
Cabinet Secretariat	1	1	0
Federal Education and Professional Training	13	13	0
Information and Broadcasting	1	0	1
Interior	55	2	53
National Health Services Regulations and Coordination	2	2	0
Petroleum	1	0	1
Law and Justice	1	1	0
Finance Revenue and Economic Affairs	2	2	0
Power	4	4	0
Human Right	1	0	1
Communication	1	0	1
Total No. of Petitions admitted	83	26	57

17.3. IMPORTANT PETITIONS REFERRED TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES

SSC on Parliamentary Affairs:

- **PP- 5471** regarding the status of the Protection of Family life and wedlock bill 2023

SSC on Cabinet Secretariat:

PP- 6110 Request to declare a national holiday for tree plantation to combat climate change, raise awareness, and promote environmental responsibility across Pakistan.

SSC on Federal Education and Professional Training:

- **PP-5411 to PP-5422** regarding Non-payment of salaries and faculty harassment at the University of Swabi under IPFP program.
- **PP-5872** regarding SNE approval and classroom construction for Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Dubrain Kalan.

SSC on Information and Broadcasting

- **PP-5947** regarding the Request for amendment in Pakistan Right of Access to Information Act 2017 to include a review provision.

SSC on Interior

- **PP-5683 to PP-5734 (53 petitions)** regarding application for reinstatement.
- **PP-5862** regarding the Request for assistance in recovering Rs. 3.2 million lost in an online scam through cybercrime investigation.
- **PP-5873** regarding Complaint against NADRA Mega Center Karachi for delay and misconduct in CNIC issuance.

SSC on National Health Services Regulation & Coordination

- **PP-5752** regarding the Request for enforcement of K-1 England pattern syringes to prevent reuse and curb the spread of HIV and Hepatitis in Pakistan.
- **PP-5623** Petition against Dow University Karachi for MDCAT paper leak and lack of transparency in medical admissions.

SSC on Petroleum

- **PP-6083** regarding Request to shut down all CNG pumps in KPK to ensure uninterrupted household gas supply in winter.

SSC on Law and Justice

- **PP-6078** regarding the Request to establish Wafaqi Mohtasib considering for a complaint collection center in Sahiwal.
- **SSC on Finance Revenue and Economic Affairs**
- **PP-6077** regarding the Request for implementation of the Maternity and Paternity Leave Act 2023 in federal establishments under the Ministry of Finance.
- **PP-5642** regarding the Request for deletion of the proviso in the Customs Act of 1969 to ensure fairness and protection of individual rights.

SSC on Power:

- **PP-5652 & PP-5653** regarding a complaint against K-Electric IBC Gadap Karachi.
- **PP-5485** regarding prolonged power outages in Meerani Dem Feeder, Dasht, District Kech, affecting daily life and requiring immediate federal intervention.
- **PP-5539** regarding Request for Senate Standing Committee on Power to investigate delays in 236 MEPCO development schemes in Tehsil Burewala, District Vehari, and expedite their completion.

SFC on Human Rights

- **PP-5763** regarding PODA urges the Senate to raise the marriage age for girls to 18, require CNIC for nikah, and set education standards for nikah registrars to protect girls' rights and ensure their future.

SSC on Communication

- **PP-5679** regarding complaint that Transfer Dirgi Shabbozai to Tunsra Sharif Road project to NHA to address corruption, delays, and ensure quality work.

18. MEDIA DIRECTORATE

Throughout the Parliamentary year 2024/2025 Media Directorate of the Secretariat constantly remained engaged in developing Press Releases and projecting various activities of the House, Committees, visiting delegations, and important events/visits.

The Media Directorate acting as the point of contact for members of the press and other media representatives continued to provide support and contributed towards the effective propagation of legislative business.

The Media Directorate maintained the image of the Upper House. Gaining publicity and disseminating information to the press. Liaising with the media, organizing meetings, and developing content for the press remained the priority of the directorate for the convenience of the journalistic community. During this Parliamentary year, the Directorate efficiently promoted the work of the Senate House through the implementation of an effective media relations and communications strategy. This Strategy helped spread the word about the Senate thus attracting the Public, especially educational institutions, civil society, trade bodies, and other important forums to visit the prestigious house playing an efficient role at the national and international levels.

The media while conveying the Senate's activities throughout the country need to have access to timely and accurate information. The Media Department has ensured that the highest standard of Senate House proceedings detail is conveyed openly to the people of Pakistan.

Key goals achieved throughout the year

- Increased public awareness about the work of the Senate.
- Empowered citizens with knowledge and information on important issues and parliamentary decisions.
- Institutionalized the sustainable outreach and communication effort

During these testing times, all the activities, official engagements, and other important assignments of the Upper House were given effective coverage and not a single event/meeting was left out. The total number of press releases issued during the parliamentary year 2024-2025 was 1192. Also important to this was the fact the department worked consistently on enhancing outreach through social media handles. The total number of followers on Facebook and Twitter continued to rise. Twitter following has reached 215.6K (till filing of the annual report) from the 205K followers of the parliamentary year 2023-24. Facebook with 39K (till the filing of the report) is also instrumental in enhancing public outreach. The total number of Facebook followers, in

the parliamentary year 2023-2024 was 24,592. The followers of the Chairman senate of Pakistan Facebook have reached 5.7K.

The Directorate has covered important international delegation visits to Pakistan and also the visit of the Senate Delegation to different countries. All tools of communication were employed to highlight the significance of these visits.

Live Telecasting of the House proceedings continues to be a regular feature making it easy for the journalists thus contributing our part.

19. LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING UNIT

The Legislative Drafting Unit (LDU) was established in the Senate of Pakistan to assist Members in drafting Private Members' Bills. One of the core functions of the legislature is to enact, amend, and repeal laws to address the evolving needs of society. New laws are introduced to tackle emerging challenges, existing laws are amended to align with current conditions, and outdated laws that have lost relevance are repealed.

There are two categories of Bills:

1. Government Bills – introduced by the relevant minister.
2. Private Members' Bills – introduced by individual Members of Parliament.

Before a Bill is introduced, it must be drafted in accordance with legislative drafting principles. In this regard, Rule 94 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, states:

"The Senate Secretariat shall render possible assistance to the Member so that the Bill is not rejected on technical grounds."

To ensure Bills are properly structured and meet legislative requirements, Members can seek drafting support from the Secretariat, helping prevent rejection due to technical shortcomings.

The LDU plays a vital role in the legislative process by providing the following key services:

- **Drafting and Legislative Assistance:** LDU is responsible for preparing, refining, and overseeing legislative documents.
- **Turning Ideas into Laws:** The Unit helps Senators translate their proposals into formal legislative drafts, whether by formulating new laws or proposing amendments to existing ones.
- **Ensuring Law Implementation:** It reviews whether executive authorities have implemented laws as intended through delegated legislation, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements outlined in Rules 172-C and 172-D of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, 2012. The Unit also provides legislative support to the Senate Standing, Functional, and Special Committees.
- **Supporting Committee Deliberations:** LDU assists in the legislative process by offering technical expertise during committee discussions.
- **Drafting Parliamentary Documents:** The Unit helps Members prepare motions, questions, calling attention notices, and resolutions as required.

19.1. PRIVATE MEMBER’S BILLS DRAFTED

In the Parliamentary year 2024-2025, the LDU has drafted the following Private Member’s bills for the Members:

S.NO	LIST OF BILLS DRAFTED
1.	Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Act, 2024
2.	Civil Servants (Amendment of section 5) Act, 2024
3.	Constitution (Amendments of Articles 62 and 63) Act, 2024
4.	Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024
5.	Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2024 (Insertions of sections 334B, 334C, 334D and 334E)
6.	Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2024
7.	Islamabad Capital Territory Waqf Properties (Amendment) Act, 2024
8.	International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences Act, 2024
9.	Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government (Amendment) Act, 2024
10.	Elections (Amendment) Act, 2024
11.	Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management (Amendment) Act, 2024
12.	National Highway Safety (Amendment) Act, 2024
13.	Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2024
14.	National Commission on Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2024
15.	Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Act, 2024
16.	Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority Act, 2024
17.	Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Act, 2024
18.	Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Act, 2024
19.	Pakistan Nursing Council (Amendment) Act, 2024
20.	Criminal Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024
21.	Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Act, 2024
22.	Islamabad Capital Territory Watersides Safety Act, 2024
23.	Fatal Accidents (Amendment) Act, 2024

24.	Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2024
25.	General Clauses (Amendment) Act, 2024
26.	Service Tribunals (Amendment) Act, 2024
27.	Islamabad Nature Conservation and Wildlife Management Act, 2024
28.	Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2024
29.	Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act, 2024
30.	Regulation of Registration of Cancer Patients Act, 2024
31.	Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2024
32.	Media Integrity and Regulation Act, 2024
33.	Social Media Minimum Age Act, 2025
34.	Passenger Damages Compensation Act, 2025
35.	Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) (Amendment) Act, 2025
36.	Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2025
37.	Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Act, 2025
38.	Constitution (Amendment of Article 177) Act, 2025
39.	Constitution (Amendment of Article 153) Act, 2025
40.	Constitution (Amendment of Article 228) Act, 2025
41.	Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Act, 2025 (Amendment of section 5)
42.	Cannabis Control and Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025
43.	National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (Amendment) Act, 2025
44.	Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Act, 2025
45.	Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Act, 2025
46.	National Commission on Minorities (Amendment) Act, 2025
47.	Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Act, 2025

19.2. PRIVATE MEMBER’S BILLS REVIEWED

The LDU has reviewed the following Private Member’s bills for the members:

S. NO.	LIST OF BILLS REVIEWED
1.	Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Act, 2024
2.	Muslim Family Law (Amendment) Act 2024
3.	Pakistan Integrity in Public Life Act, 2024
4.	University of Business, Sciences, and Technology Act, 2024
5.	Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2024
6.	Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Act, 2024 (Amendment of section 2B)
7.	National Health (Re-organization) (Amendment) Act, 2024
8.	Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Act, 2024
9.	Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2024
10.	National Commission on Human Rights (Amendment) Act, 2024
11.	Islamabad Capital Territory Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Act, 2024
12.	Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Act 2024
13.	Pakistan Halal Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024
14.	Nippon Institute of Advance Studies Act, 2024
15.	Muslim Family Law (Amendment) Act, 2024
16.	Family Courts (Amendment) Act, 2024
17.	Shamilat Authority Act, 2024
18.	National Commission on Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2024
19.	Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal (Amendment) Act, 2024
20.	National Assembly Secretariat Employees (Amendment) Act 2024
21.	Federal Supervision of Curricula, Text Books and Maintenance of Standards of Education (Amendment) Act, 2024
22.	State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Act, 2024
23.	Elections (Amendment) Act, 2024

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24.	Fatal Accidents (Amendment) Act, 2024
25.	Telecommunications Reorganization (Amendment) Act, 2024
26.	Banking Companies (Amendment) Act, 2024
27.	Seed (Amendment) Act, 2024
28.	Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Act, 2024
29.	Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024
30.	Constitution (Amendments of Articles 62 and 63) Act, 2024
31.	Supreme Court (No of Judges) (Amendment) Act, 2024
32.	State Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (Amendment) Act, 2024
33.	Abandoned Properties Management (Amendment) Act, 2024
34.	National University of Technology (Amendment) Act, 2024
35.	Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Act, 2024
36.	Mental Health (Amendment) Act, 2024
37.	University of Business, Science and Technology Act, 2024
38.	National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Act, 2025
39.	Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (Implementation) Act, 2025
40.	Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2025
41.	Islamabad Capital Territory Food Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2025

19.3. SUPPORT TO OTHER STANDING/FUNCTIONAL/SPECIAL COMMITTEES

S.No.	Name of Committees	No of the Bills discussed during the committee meetings
1.	SSC on Delegated Legislation	2
2.	SSC on Communications	2
3.	SSC on Finance	7
4.	SSC on Law & Justice	2
5.	SSC on Parliamentary Affairs	1

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6.	SSC on Information Technology & Telecommunications	8
7.	SSC on Interior	11
8.	SSC on Power	4
9.	SSC on Human Rights	5
TOTAL		42

4. MISCELLANEOUS

S. No.	Subject	No
1.	Questions	20
2.	Calling Attention Notices	3
3.	Motion 218	4
4.	Resolution	3
5.	Talking Points on various subjects	10
6.	MOUs	2
7.	Legal Opinions	6
TOTAL		48

20. EDITING DIRECTORATE

Overview

Hansard is a “substantially verbatim” report of what is said in Parliament. Members’ words are recorded, and then edited to remove repetitions and obvious mistakes, albeit without taking away from the meaning of what is said. Hansard also reports decisions taken during a sitting and records how Members voted to reach those decisions in Divisions.

The function of the Editing Directorate

The primary function of the Editing Directorate is the vetting of Senate proceedings verbatim at the initial stage and thorough editing of the Senate House debate at the later stage. For this purpose, the Editing Directorate works in liaison with the Reporting Directorate to produce an initial version of Verbatim within 24 Hours of the Senate sitting, which is then uploaded on the Senate Website. After prorogation of the Senate session, the verbatim of each sitting is thoroughly vetted. At this stage, the verbatim is given the shape of a debate, which is printed and published after going through the process of editing and proofreading. Once a Final Draft is prepared, the same is uploaded on the website as the Official Report of Senate Debates. Also, more than 15 copies of the Official Report are sent to the Prime Minister, the President, and all the Provincial Assemblies of Pakistan including the National Library of Pakistan, Senate and National Assembly Libraries, and other major libraries of Pakistan for record purposes.

DETAILS ABOUT THE EDITING OF THE HOUSE DEBATES PROCEEDING

During the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025, officers of the Editing Directorate successfully and timely completed the editing of 2987 pages of the Senate debates, expanding over 63 sittings of the Senate. The details in the tabular form are as follows:

Sr. No	Session	Date	No. of Pages
1.	336 th Session	9 th April, 2024	32
2.	337 th Session	25 th April, 2024	81
3.	337 th Session	26 th April, 2024	41
4.	337 th Session	29 th April, 2024	90
5.	338 th Session	21 st May, 2024	64

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6.	338th Session	22nd May, 2024	97
7.	338th Session	24th May, 2024	31
8.	339th Session	7th June, 2024	28
9.	339th Session	10th June, 2024	72
10.	339th Session	11th June, 2024	86
11.	339th Session	12th June, 2024	9
12.	339th Session	13th June, 2024	112
13.	339th Session	14th June, 2024	48
14.	339th Session	20th June, 2024	50
15.	339th Session	21st June, 2024	46
16.	339th Session	24th June, 2024	58
19.	339th Session	25th June, 2024	28
20.	340th Session	4th July, 2024	60
21.	340th Session	5th July, 2024	70
22.	341st Session	5th August, 2024	30
23.	341st Session	6th August, 2024	40
24.	341st Session	9th August, 2024	13
25.	342nd Session	27th August, 2024	86
26.	342nd Session	30th August, 2024	49
27.	342nd Session	2nd September, 2024	80
28.	342nd Session	5th September, 2024	73
29.	342nd Session	6th September, 2024	61
30.	342nd Session	9th September, 2024	69

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31.	342 nd Session	10 th September, 2024	66
32.	342 nd Session	12 th September, 2024	103
33.	342 nd Session	13 th September, 2024	31
34.	342 nd Session	14 th September, 2024	38
35.	342 nd Session	16 th September, 2024	7
36.	343 rd Session	17 th October, 2024	43
37.	343 rd Session	18 th October, 2024	47
38.	343 rd Session	19 th October, 2024	26
39.	343 rd Session	20 th October, 2024	67
40.	343 rd Session	22 nd October, 2024	6
41.	343 rd Session	25 th October, 2024	14
42.	343 rd Session	28 th October, 2024	31
43.	343 rd Session	29 th October, 2024	51
44.	343 rd Session	1 st November, 2024	47
45.	343 rd Session	4 th November, 2024	49
46.	344 th Session	11 th December, 2024	73
47.	344 th Session	12 th December, 2024	58
48.	344 th Session	13 th December, 2024	67
49.	344 th Session	16 th December, 2024	35
50.	344 th Session	19 th December, 2024	35
51.	345 th Session	14 th January, 2025	42
52.	345 th Session	15 th January, 2025	50
53.	345 th Session	17 th January, 2025	19

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54.	345th Session	20th January, 2025	51
55.	345th Session	21st January, 2025	85
56.	345th Session	24th January, 2025	06
57.	345th Session	27th January, 2025	31
58.	345th Session	28th January, 2025	51
59.	346th Session	13th February, 2025	33
60.	346th Session	14th February, 2025	36
61.	346th Session	17th February, 2025	26
62.	346th Session	18th February, 2025	24
63.	346th Session	21st February, 2025	35
TOTAL PAGES			2987

21. TRANSLATION DIRECTORATE

Branch Name	Tools	No. of Items
Question Branch	Number of Admitted Starred Questions	830
	Number of Admitted Un-Starred Questions	55
	Starred Replies	285
	Un-Starred Replies	17
	Admitted Lists	71
	Resolutions +1(Sindh Assembly)	39+1
	Ballots (Resolution)	12
Motion Branch	Motions Under Rule 218	76
	Ballots (Motion)	15
	Calling Attention Notice	80
	Adjournment Motions	03
	Privilege Motions	08
Legislation Branch	Government Bills Introduced in Senate	18
	Government Bills received from the National Assembly	25
	Private Members Bill	53
	Total Bills	96
	Ballots (Bills)	14
	Orders of the day	105
	Drill Folders	105
	Notices	117
	Other than the House Business	Speeches

22. IT DIRECTORATE

22.1. CHAIRMAN DIGITAL SENATE INITIATIVE 2024-2025

In the past year, the IT Directorate of the Senate of Pakistan has continued its unwavering commitment to the Chairman Digital Senate Initiative (CDSI), driving forward digital transformation and technological modernization within the Senate Secretariat. Under the leadership of the Honorable Chairman Senate, the Directorate has played a pivotal role in integrating ICT solutions with parliamentary operations and enhancing digital services for Honorable Members, Secretariat staff, and the general public. With a strong emphasis on cybersecurity, automation, and infrastructure upgrades, the Directorate has successfully implemented cutting-edge solutions to streamline operations and improve accessibility. This report outlines key achievements, ongoing projects, and future initiatives, underscoring the IT Directorate's dedication to innovation, efficiency, and transparency in Senate affairs.

22.2. SENATE SPECIAL IT INITIATIVES

These initiatives are part of the Senate's overall effort to modernize its IT infrastructure and improve its digital services. By doing so, the Senate hopes to improve efficiency, transparency, and accountability.

The Digital Archiving of Senate Documents project is a transformative initiative aimed at digitizing Senate records to provide seamless online access to historical and contemporary documents. Launched last year, the project has maintained a rapid scanning pace of 20,000 pages per day, ensuring the efficient and structured conversion of vast volumes of documents into digital formats.

This initiative serves a dual purpose: first, it enables Senators to quickly retrieve and reference essential documents, enhancing their workflow and decision-making processes. Second, by utilizing advanced scanning technologies, the project ensures the long-term preservation of Senate records while embracing the advantages of digital accessibility.

Through this digital archiving initiative, the Senate is modernizing its document management system, making critical information easily available to Senators and Secretariat staff. This transition not only safeguards institutional knowledge for future generations but also underscores the Senate's commitment to transparency, efficiency, and technological progress in legislative affairs. Below are the details of the scanned documents.

S. No.	Branch / Directorate	Years
1	Legislation Branch	2014 to 2017
2	Motion Branch	2014 to 2017
3	Committee Branch	2021 to 2022
4	IPR Branch	2004 to 2010
5	Hiring branch	2019 to 2021
6	Service Branch	2021 to 2022
7	Notice Office	2017 to 2019
8	Senator Service Centre	2009 to 2015
9	Finance & Accounts Branch	2017 to 2021

22.3. AUTOMATION OF PARLIAMENTARY BUSINESS PROCESSES

The automation of parliamentary business processes has significantly enhanced the efficiency and transparency of the Senate's operations. The implementation of a Legislative Business Management System has played a pivotal role in automating critical parliamentary procedures, including the introduction and tracking of bills, motions, and resolutions. This system has proven instrumental in supporting stakeholders in their day-to-day activities, streamlining workflows, and providing a more effective means of managing legislative matters.

Implementation of Digital Parliament and Office Automation Solution for the Senate of Pakistan

The automation of parliamentary business processes continues to play a vital role in enhancing the efficiency, transparency, and accessibility of Senate operations. This year, the IT Directorate has made significant progress in implementing the Digital Parliament and Office Automation Solution, a transformative initiative aimed at modernizing legislative and administrative workflows. By leveraging cutting-edge technology, this

project is streamlining document management, legislative tracking, and interdepartmental communication, ultimately improving governance and service delivery.

Implementation of Digital Parliament and Office Automation Solution

The **Senate of Pakistan** is committed to evolving into a **fully digital legislative institution**, ensuring seamless management of **parliamentary, legislative, and administrative processes**. The **Digital Parliament and Office Automation Solution** is structured into **multiple milestones**, each addressing key components of automation and modernization.

22.4. CURRENT PROJECT STATUS (MARCH 2024 – MARCH 2025)

Milestone 1: Implementation of E-Filing System

- The first milestone has been successfully implemented by the firm.
- Pilot testing has been conducted in Administration, Printing, and Transport Branches, ensuring smooth adoption and functionality.
- The system is now streamlining document workflows, approvals, and correspondence tracking, reducing manual handling and increasing efficiency.

Milestone 2: Legislative and Parliamentary Process Automation

- The second milestone has been developed and is currently undergoing user acceptance testing (UAT).
- Once fully tested and refined, this phase will introduce critical automation tools for legislative document management, parliamentary question tracking, and motion/resolution processing.

Website Enrichment

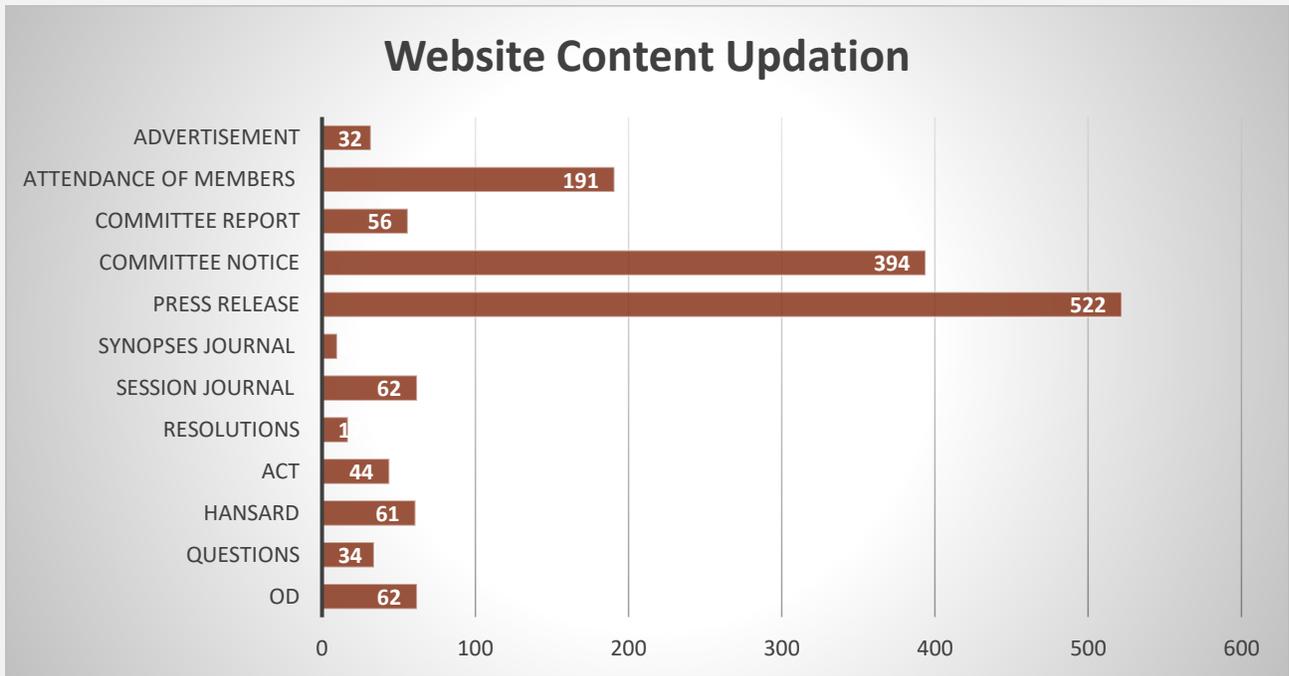
- The website now boasts a wealth of information, including:
 - House Business updates
 - Details on supporting committees
 - Relevant publications and policies
 - House business information for members
- Transparency is enhanced with the publication of:

- House Business agendas
- Questions and answers raised in sessions
- Official records like Hansards, Acts, and Resolutions
- Session journals and committee reports
- Press releases, committee notices, and attendance data
- Advertisements for public awareness

These initiatives demonstrate the Senate's commitment to adapting to modern technologies and fostering a more transparent and efficient legislative environment. The following business of the parliament was posted on the website: -

- 62 Orders of the day indicating the House Business
- 34 Documents related to Questions/Answers to be asked in the house were uploaded at the time of the start of proceedings of the Session
- 61 Hansards of the House Proceeding
- 44 Act
- 17 Resolutions.
- 62 Session Journal
- 10 Synopses Journal
- 522 Press Release
- 394 Committee Notice
- 56 Committee Report
- Attendance of Members (Session) 191
- 32 Advertisement

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Website Content Update



Enhancing Internal Communication: Senate of Pakistan’s WhatsApp Notification System

To streamline communication and ensure timely dissemination of information, the IT Directorate of the Senate of Pakistan has implemented a dedicated WhatsApp notification system for Honorable Senators, officers, and officials. This system plays a vital role in keeping all stakeholders informed about parliamentary proceedings, committee meetings, and other official events in real-time.

Key Features of the WhatsApp Notification System

Senate Session Updates

- Instant notifications regarding the summoning and prorogation of Senate sessions.
- Alerts about schedule changes, postponements, or cancellations.

Committee Meeting Notices

- Timely reminders about upcoming committee meetings, including date, time, and venue.
- Updates on agenda modifications or venue changes.
- Last-minute notifications about **cancellations or rescheduling**.

Other Event Notifications

- Announcements regarding training workshops, seminars, and official gatherings.
- Updates on special events and activities relevant to Senators, officers, and officials.

Expansion of the System: Dedicated WhatsApp Groups for Officers and Officials

In addition to Senators, the IT Directorate has also established dedicated WhatsApp groups for:

Officers (BPS 17–22): Senior officers receive official updates, policy communications, and operational directives.

Officials (BPS 01–16): Staff members are kept informed about administrative matters, general notifications, and relevant Senate activities.

Impact and Future Enhancements

The WhatsApp notification system has significantly improved communication efficiency, ensuring instant, secure, and structured information flow across all levels of the Senate. By reducing dependence on traditional methods like email and paper-based notifications, the initiative has fostered a more responsive and well-informed working environment.

Moving forward, the IT Directorate aims to further enhance automation, personalization, and integration with other Senate communication platforms, reinforcing the Senate of Pakistan’s commitment to digital transformation and modern governance.

23. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS BRANCH

I. Committee Meetings and Approvals

- Conducted meetings of the Senate Finance Committee granting approvals for various budgetary and administrative matters.
- Made payments to employees and their family members in cases of death and medical emergencies from the Senate Secretariat Employees Welfare Fund and Conducted Committee meetings accordingly during the parliamentary year.

II. Processing of misc. bills

Processed payments of salaries, TA/DA, telephone, and medical claims for Honorable Senators as per the Members of Parliament (Salaries & Allowances) Act, 1974.

III. Financial Management

- Provided Tax Deduction Certificates and monthly statements to Honorable Senators.
- Prepared Budget Estimates for the financial year 2024-2025 and Revised Estimates for 2023-2024 adhering to Finance Division rules and regulations.

IV. Pension and Benefits

Finalized thirty (30) pension cases, nine (9) family pension cases, thirty-four (34) final payments of GP Fund, and eleven (11) Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance cases during the Parliamentary year 2024-2025.

V. Pay Fixation

- Made pay fixation of eight hundred sixty nine (869) employees from BPS-01 to BPS-16 Non-Gazette considering up-gradation, promotion, and one time dispensation.

VI. Audits and Compliance

- Successfully conducted Internal Audit for Financial Years 2002-2023 and 2023-2024.
- External Audit by the Director General Audit (Federal Government) for Financial Years 2020-2021 to 2023-2024 completed successfully, addressing seventeen (17) Observation Statements out of which eleven (11) were considered as MEFDAC and

six (6) were discussed in the DAC meeting out of which one (1) was settled and five (5) remained subject to verification of record.

VII. Framing of Rules

Conducted several meetings with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs for framing of Rules for the Members of Parliament (Salaries & Allowances) Act, 1974.

VIII. Budgetary Adjustments

- Re-appropriated funds according to demand by branches during the Parliamentary Year 2024-2025.

IX. Reconciliation

- Successfully reconciles Travel Vouchers in sub-offices of AGPR at Quetta, Karachi, Peshawar, Multan, and Lahore before the June Final of every year.
- Successfully submitted monthly expenditure and reconciliation statements to the Finance Division.

X. Grants and Releases

Timely issued release letters for grant of budget release in favor of Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (PIPS).

24. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The core mandate of Human Resource Management (HRM) within any organization is to manage its workforce effectively and ensure the smooth functioning of its operations. During the Parliamentary Year 2024-25, the HRM Branch of the Senate, under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chairman Senate, undertook various initiatives focused on achieving operational efficiency. The following report outlines key activities and achievements in the HRM domain during this period:

1. Recruitment/posting and Staffing:

Recruitment, posting, and staffing processes are integral to maintaining a skilled and competent workforce. HRM has continued to prioritize these areas to ensure that vacancies are filled promptly and with suitable candidates through a transparent and competitive process.

2. Promotion Incentives:

One of the major accomplishments in the Parliamentary Year 2024-25 was addressing long-pending promotion cases. Many promotions that had been stalled for several years were processed and approved under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chairman Senate. This has not only boosted morale but also contributed to the professional development of Senate staff.

Promotions Summary:

Regular Promotion		Time Scale Promotion as per Federal Govt policy	
<i>BPS-1 to BPS-16:</i>	<i>BPS-17 and Above</i>	<i>Branch Staff</i>	<i>Private Secretaries BS-18 and 19</i>
19	37	947	54

3. Training and Human Resource Development Programs:

Training and human resource development are essential components for ensuring that employees continue to enhance their skills and competencies in line with modern practices. During the year, the Senate of Pakistan has made remarkable strides in the professional development of its officers through the following training programs:

- Senior Management and Mid-Career Management Courses: A total of 7 officers participated in the Senior Management Course and Mid-Career Management Course, aimed at equipping them with enhanced leadership skills.
- Specialized Parliamentary Group Training: Officers in specialized parliamentary roles were sent for specialized training at the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS), Islamabad. This initiative helped in enhancing the capacity of the staff for more efficient parliamentary functions.

4. Internship Program:

The Internship Program, which had been temporarily halted in 2016, was successfully resumed during the 2024-2025 Parliamentary Year. This program provides valuable exposure to students from universities and colleges, allowing them to gain practical insights into the workings of the Senate.

- The internship program offers unpaid internships ranging from 4 to 6 weeks.
- 352 students have successfully completed the internship program since its restoration, receiving mentorship and gaining professional experience within the Senate.

This initiative has proven successful in creating positive impressions, fostering future potential employment opportunities, and enhancing the Senate's visibility among the academic community.