



House of the Federation

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION & SOCIAL SAFETY

ON

“The Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2024”

Presented by:

SENATOR SARDAR AL-HAJ MUHAMMAD UMER GORGAIJ

CHAIRMAN

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION &
SOCIAL SAFETY**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POVERTY ALLEVIATION & SOCIAL SAFETY

I, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety, have the honor to present this report on "The Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2024", introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan, in the Senate sitting held on 19th February, 2024. The Bill, upon introduction, was referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umer Gorgajj	Chairman
2.	Senator Dost Ali Jeesar	Member
3.	Senator Aon Abbas	Member
4.	Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan	Member
5.	Senator Jan Muhammad	Member
6.	Senator Rubina Qaim Khani	Member
7.	Senator Nasir Mehmood	Member
8.	Senator Syedaal Khan	Member
9.	Senator Saeed Ahmed Hashmi	Member
10.	Senator Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi	Member
11.	Minister Incharge	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety considered the Bill in its meeting held on 25th April 2025, under the Chairmanship of Senator Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umer Gorgajj. The following Members were present on 25th April, 2025 at the time of consideration and voting on the Bill:-

1.	Senator Sardar Al-Haj Muhammad Umer Gorgajj	Chairman
2.	Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan	Member
3.	Senator Aon Abbas	Member
4.	Senator Dost Ali Jeesar	Member
5.	Senator Jan Muhammad	Member

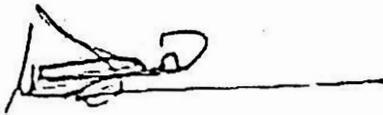
4. Senator Shahadat Awan, Mover of the Bill informed the Committee that the amendment in Sections 4, 5, 11, 14 Section 20 of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992, address the substitution of proper words, appointment of non-official members for equal representation from provinces, Islamabad Capital Territory, Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and women in the Board, head office of the Board in Islamabad, difficulties pertaining to quorum and meetings and provision of audit reports to the Upper House, respectively. Moreover, insertion of Section 25 in the Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992 shall provide for removal of any arising difficulties in the said Act.



5. The Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety Division opposed the proposed amendment in Sections 5, 11, 14 and 20 of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992 and expressed that the said amendments will create more hurdles in the functioning and decision making of the Board, legislation for making Islamabad as head office of the board is not advisable as the same can be achieved through a notification by the Government, change in quorum and meetings of the Board can be achieved through amending the regulations not the Act and the reports are already being placed before the National Assembly their further placement before the Senate is the prerogative of Federal Government, respectively.

6. The Chairman Committee took sense of the Committee wherein the amendments proposed by Senator Shahadat Awan in Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992 through the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2024 were endorsed unanimously. Accordingly, the Committee recommended that, the 'Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2024' as introduced in the Senate by Senator Shahadat Awan in its sitting held on 19th February, 2024 may be passed by the Senate. (Copy of Bill introduced in the Senate is annexed).


(MIR NAUROZE KHAN)
S.O/ Secretary Committee


(SENATOR SARDAR AL-HAJ MUHAMMAD UMER
GORGAIJ)
Chairman Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation &
Social Safety

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[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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Bill

Further to amend the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992 (I of 1992) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Act, 2024.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Section 4, Act I of 1992.**— In the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992 (I of 1992) hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 4, in clause (a), for the expression "invalid, infirm", the words "differently abled" shall be substituted.

3. **Amendment of Section 5, Act I of 1992.**— In the said Act, in section 5, in sub-section (2), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(iii) seven non-official Members to be appointed by the Federal Government one each from the Provinces, Islamabad Capital Territory, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan:

Provided that at least three of the non-official Members shall be women;"

4. **Amendment of Section 11, Act I of 1992.**— In the said Act, for section 11, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"11. **Head office of the Board.**— The head office of the Board shall be at Islamabad and it may set up offices at such place or places in the country."

5. **Amendment of Section 14, Act I of 1992.**— In the said Act, in section 14, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2) Simple majority of the total membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum for each meeting and all decisions of the Board shall be taken by the majority of its members present and voting. In case of equality of votes, the Chairperson (*Ameen*) or, as the case may be, the Member presiding over a meeting shall have a casting vote:

Provided that if the quorum is not present at a meeting, it shall be postponed and a new meeting shall be convened within two weeks with a written notice to all Members of the Board and in such meeting, the Board may take decisions even if the quorum is not complete."

6. **Amendment of Section 20, Act I of 1992.**— In the said Act, in section 20, for sub-section (2), the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"(2) Within one hundred and eighty days from the end of each financial year, a copy of the report referred to in sub-section (1) together with a copy of the audit report referred to in section 18 shall be laid before each House of the Parliament."

7. **Insertion of new Section 25, Act I of 1992.**— In the said Act, after section 24, the following new section 25, shall be added, namely:-

"25. **Removal of difficulties.**— If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any provision of this Act, the Federal Government may, by notification in the official Gazette, make such provision(s) as may appear to it, necessary for the purposes of removing such difficulty."

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The proposed amendments in the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1992 pertain to several aspects, including increase in Members of the Board, the requirement to present reports to the Parliament, the procedure for conducting Board meetings, and the introduction of a new provision designed to address potential challenges. The overarching objective of these proposed changes is to boost the operational efficacy of the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Board, enabling it to more effectively fulfil its designated functions as outlined in the Act.

SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN
Member-in-Charge