

SENATE SECRETARIAT

No. F. 19(1)/2024-27/C-I

Islamabad, the 13th July, 2026

REVISED NOTICE

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Information & Broadcasting will be held on 15th July, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad. In case of session in the morning the meeting will be held at 02:30 p.m.

2. The agenda of the meeting would now be as under:-

- i) To discuss the concerns raised regarding the social media statistics and figures reportedly shared with the Senate Standing Committee on Information & Broadcasting, as highlighted in today's edition of the The News ("Experts Question Social Media Figures Shared with Senate.").
- ii) To review and discuss the Federal Government's expenditure on social and digital media campaigns, including transparency, allocation criteria, and comparative spending patterns between digital and legacy media platforms.
- iii) To discuss the recent layoffs and downsizing in various media organizations and their impact on journalists, media workers, press freedom, and the sustainability of Pakistan's media industry.
- iv) To seek an explanation from the relevant Censor Board authorities regarding certification granted to the recently released film titled "Buleha", particularly in view of concerns that the title reflects and invokes the revered Sufi poet Bulleh Shah, who is widely regarded as a symbol of peace, love, tolerance, and humanity.
- v) The Committee may discuss whether the use of such a title for a film reportedly depicting violence, use of weapons, and criminality could distort the historical and spiritual image associated with Bulleh Shah and mislead younger generations. The committee may also deliberate whether the title should be reconsidered in the larger cultural and societal interest.
- vi) To obtain details from Pakistan Television Corporation/ PTV News regarding, The total number of contractual employees presently engaged, their designations, salary structures, and contractual terms. The process and criteria adopted for such appointments.
- vii) To discuss the petition sent by residents of PTV colony Islamabad.
- viii) A letter sent by Executive Editor, Daily Pakistan regarding "Abuse of Authority by the NCCIA Against Working Journalists-Misapplication of PECA to Print Journalism and the Threat to Freedom of the Press".
- ix) Any other agenda item with the permission of the Chair.

3. Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.


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Secretary Committee/ S.O

1. Senator Syed Ali Zafar
2. Senator Aon Abbas
3. Senator Faisal Javed
4. Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan
5. Senator M. Fesal Vawda
6. Senator Ashraf Ali Jatoi
7. Senator Sarmad Ali

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8.	Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar	Member
10.	Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
11.	Senator Jan Muhammad	Member
12.	Minister for Information & Broadcasting	Ex-Officio Member

(I) Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad with the request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
2. Sr. P.S to Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad with the request to inform the Minister to attend the meeting.
3. The Section Officer (Transport), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to arrange necessary transport for pick and drop of staff from Parliament House to Parliament Lodges and vice versa.
4. The following are requested to kindly attend the meeting with all concerned and provide 35 copies of the working papers both in Urdu & English (hard and soft copy through email at (webcommittee1@gmail.com) along with list of participants to the Secretariat two working days (48 hours) prior to the Committee meeting otherwise it will be treated as NOT RECEIVED:-
 - a) The Chairman CDA, on agenda item (vii).
 - b) The DG NCCIA, on agenda item (viii).
 - c) The Section Officer (Council), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad.

(II) Copy also forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Attorney General for Pakistan.
2. The Accountant General Pakistan Revenues, Islamabad.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Islamabad.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
6. The Special Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
7. The Additional Secretaries, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
8. The Joint Secretaries, (Committee/ Admin), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
9. The Principal Secretary to Chairman Senate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
10. The Director General (Research), Research Directorate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
11. The Director (I.T), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
12. The Director (LAN), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to make necessary arrangements for operating of Multi-Media in the meeting and also for SMS.
13. The Director Staff to Deputy Chairman, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
14. The Director Staff to Leader of the House, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
15. The Director Staff to Leader of the Independent Group, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
16. The Director Staff to Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad.
17. The DSP, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad, with the request to facilitate entry of the participants and official coverage team (PID & PTV Cameramen), at Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
18. The Assistant Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
19. The Executive Director (FGPC), Islamabad, with the request to make necessary medical arrangements in the Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
20. The Director, News, PTV, Islamabad, with the request to make necessary arrangements for the T.V coverage of the meeting.
21. The Section Officer (F& A), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
22. The Medical Officer, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
23. The Deputy Director (Civil/Electrical), CDA, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.
24. The Information Officer (Senate) P.I.D, Islamabad.
25. The Engineer In-charge, Senate/N.A. Secretariats, Islamabad.
26. The Senator's Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
27. The Parliamentary Reporters Association, Parliament House, Islamabad.
28. The I.T, Branch Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
29. Master File.


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