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Islamabad, the 14th July, 2026.

REVISED NOTICE

Reference this Secretariat's Notice of even number dated 9th July, 2026, a Meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat will be held on **16th July, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad.** In case of Senate Session in the morning, the meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m.

2. The **agenda** before the Committee would be as under:-

- i. Compliance on Direction/recommendations/decision of Committee made in its previous meetings.
- ii. Further consideration of Private Member Bill titled "The Federal Public Service Commission Bill (2026)" introduced by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, in the Senate Sitting held on 5th March, 2026.
- iii. **Briefing by the Chairman, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) on the following:**

A. Restrictions on Transfer of eSIM from One Mobile Phone to Another:

- i. Why are consumers not allowed to freely transfer an eSIM from one mobile phone to another after lawful issuance and verification, as new e-sim is required to be issued, after again paying, for activation in another phone?
- ii. Why is the international practice regarding free transfer of eSIM between devices not being followed, and why is the same facility not freely available to consumers in Pakistan?
- iii. When will PTA issue binding directions to telecom operators to allow free, secure, convenient and consumer-friendly transfer of eSIM from one device to another?

B. Rollout of 5G Services after Spectrum Auction:

- i. What is the current status of 5G rollout after auction and handing over of spectrum to telecom operators?
- ii. What are the operator-wise rollout timelines, licence obligations and committed coverage targets and what monitoring mechanism has PTA developed to ensure timely rollout by telecom operators?
- iii. Which cities/areas have been selected for the initial launch of 5G services?
- iv. What is the current infrastructure readiness, including towers, fiberization and backhaul capacity and what measures are being taken to extend 5G services beyond major urban centres, including industrial zones, public service locations and major transport corridors?
- v. What pricing model is expected for consumers for 5G services?
- vi. Has PTA asked the government to reduce taxes on mobile phones? Please share detailed impact analysis of such high taxation on mobile devices.

C. Quality of Mobile Services and Coverage Obligations on Motorways, Highways and Railway Network:

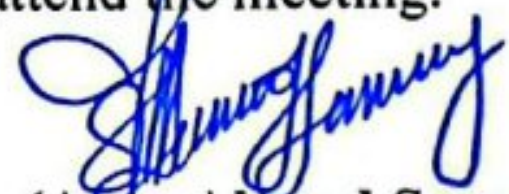
- i. Why is the quality of mobile voice and data services poor on motorways, national highways and railway routes?
- ii. What are the identified coverage gaps, weak signal areas, call drop points and slow internet zones on these routes and in-depth road map for fixing these issues?
- iii. Has PTA conducted route-wise service quality surveys during the last three years? What is the operator-wise performance on motorways, highways and railway routes?

- iv. What are the licence obligations of telecom operators regarding coverage on motorways, highways, railway tracks, remote areas and public transport corridors?
- v. Are telecom operators complying with their coverage obligations? If not, what penalties, directions or enforcement actions have been issued against telecom operators for poor service quality or non-compliance?
- vi. What time-bound corrective plan has PTA obtained from each telecom operator?
- vii. What role is being performed by PTA, USF and other relevant authorities to improve connectivity in underserved and high-mobility areas?

D. Alternate Procedure for SIM Issuance Where Biometric Verification Fails:

- i. What is the existing alternate procedure available for issuance of SIM cards other than biometric verification?
 - ii. Is the alternate mechanism available at all telecom franchises and customer service centres?
 - iii. What procedure is available for elderly persons, manual labourers and other citizens facing repeated biometric failure?
 - iv. Can NADRA verification, facial verification or any other method be adopted as secure alternate methods?
 - v. What recommendations does PTA propose for making the SIM issuance process easier and more citizen-friendly without compromising national security and subscriber identity verification?
 - vi. When will PTA issue clear instructions to telecom operators and franchises regarding alternate verification procedures?
- iv. Any other item (s) with the permission of the Chair.

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


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2. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
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13. Senator Aimal Wali Khan	Member
14. Senator Mohammad Azan Khan Swati	Member
15. Minister In-Charge Cabinet Division	Ex-Officio Member

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

1. **The Secretary**, Cabinet Division, Islamabad with the request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
2. **The Secretary**, Establishment Division, Islamabad with the request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
3. **The Secretary**, M/o Law and Justice, Islamabad with the request to depute senior officer to attend the meeting regarding the Bills.
4. **The Chairman**, Federal Public Service Commission (FPSC), Islamabad with the request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.
5. **The Chairman**, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA), Islamabad with the request to attend the meeting along with all concerned.