

**MINUTES OF THE 36<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE CABINET IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**  
**FOR REORGANIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**  
**HELD ON 04-06-2020**

The 36<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Implementation Committee was held on 04-06-2020 at 02:00 p.m. in Institutional Reforms Cell (IRC), the P.M. Office. It was chaired by Dr Ishrat Husain, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reform & Austerity. The list of the participants is annexed. The agenda of the meeting was as under:

- i. Update by AGPR on devolution of pre audit functions to Finance Division, Economic Affairs Division, Cabinet Division and Commerce Division.
- ii. Transfer of NLC from Ministry of Planning to Ministry of Communication.
- iii. Discussion on the restructuring of the Federal Secretariat.

**Agenda item No. i. Update by AGPR on devolution of pre audit functions to Finance Division, Economic Affairs Division, Cabinet Division and Commerce Division.**

2. The Accountant General Pakistan Revenue (AGPR) informed the Committee that after provision of logistic support from Ministry/Division concerned, the sub-offices of AGPR have been made operational in four pilot ministries as directed by the Committee. The Chair observed that it was envisioned under the PFM reforms to strengthen the office of the Chief Financial and Account Officer in all ministries and abolish the FA Organization. The ultimate goal was to completely devolve the accounting functions under the administrative control of PAO of the respective Ministry/Division. This view was seconded by the Additional Secretary Finance. AGPR responded by stating that this is an ongoing process and further devolution of powers will follow once this sub-system of pre-audit becomes operational and fully functional. The representatives of Commerce and Economic Affairs Divisions commended the work of the AGPR and expressed great satisfaction at the functioning of the pre-audit sub-offices. Both of them informed the Committee that the new system is very responsive and pre-audit functions are now being completed in a day, whereas previously it used to take weeks. The Committee also appreciated the work of AGPR and CGA. The representative from the

EAD also requested the committee to review the performance of self-accounting entities before further devolution of these functions. Considering the positive results, the Committee desired that the pilot project may be expanded to three larger Ministries/Divisions by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Committee also desired to re-evaluate the project after three months.

**Agenda item No.ii. Transfer of NLC from Ministry of Planning to Ministry of Communication**

3. The representative of the Ministry of Planning conveyed that the Ministry has no objection on the transfer of NLC. On the invitation of the Chair, the representative of the Ministry of Communication stated that the Ministry is not willing to take this entity due to conflict of interest as NLC is a contractor of NHA, M/o Communication. The Committee agreed with the viewpoint of the M/o Communication and decided to retain NLC under M/o Planning Development and Reforms for the time being. However, it directed M/o Planning Development and Reforms to explore various options about the best placement and future of NLC in consultation of M/o Communication and Finance Division.

**Agenda item No.iii. Discussion on the restructuring of the Federal Secretariat**

4. The discussion on the agenda was deferred. However, it was suggested the agenda may exclusively be discussed in any single meeting at a different venue and that too among the committee members, only.

## DECISIONS

- I. The Committee decided that pilot program of delegation of pre-audit functions by AGPR be expanded to the following three Divisions:
  - i. Establishment Division
  - ii. Interior Division
  - iii. Planning, Reforms and Special Initiatives Division

It directed the CGA and AGPR to complete this exercise by 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020. The Committee will review the performance of the pilot after three months.
- II. The Committee decided that for the time being M/o Planning should retain NLC and it should review the placement, legal structure and mandate of the organization so as to make it more efficient and also to provide a level playing field to the private sector.
- III. The discussion on restructuring of Ministries/Divisions was deferred to an exclusive meeting.

**List of participants of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Implementation Committee**  
**held on 04-06-2020**

- i. Dr. Ishrat Husain, Advisor to the PM on Institutional Reforms & Austerity, Islamabad.
- ii. Syed Fakhar Imam, Federal Minister for National Food Security & Research, Islamabad.
- iii. Mr. Nadeem Babar, SAPM on Petroleum, Islamabad.
- iv. Mr. Mohammad Shehzad Arbab, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Establishment, Islamabad.
- v. Mr. Masood Akhtar Sherwanee, Accountant General Pakistan Revenues (AGPR), Islamabad.
- vi. Mr. Khurram Humayun, Controller General of Accounts, Pakistan, (CGA), Islamabad.
- vii. Dr. Arshad Mahmood, Additional Finance Secretary (Exp), Finance Division, Islamabad.
- viii. Mr. Zulfiqar Haider, Additional Secretary-II, Economic Affairs Division, Islamabad.
- ix. Mr. Muhammad Salman, Senior Joint Secretary, M/o Communication, Islamabad.
- x. Ms. Maria Kazi, Joint Secretary (Admn), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- xi. Mr. Saieed Ramzan, Joint Secretary, Establishment Division, Islamabad.
- xii. Mr. Muhammad Umer Aziz, Joint Secretary, M/o Law & Justice, Islamabad.
- xiii. Mr. Attiq Hussain Khokhar, Director General, Management Services Wing, Establishment Division, Islamabad.
- xiv. Mr. Qamar Zaman, Joint Secretary, Institutional Reforms Cell (IRC), Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad.
- xv. Mr. Hasan Shafqaat, Deputy Secretary (Admn), M/o Communication, Islamabad.
- xvi. Ms. Lubna Said Ghiaz, Deputy Secretary (Coord), Establishment Division, Islamabad.
- xvii. Dr. Altamash Janjua, Deputy Secretary, IRC, Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad.