

**MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
COMMITTEE FOR REORGANIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
HELD ON 20-08-2019**

The 3rd meeting of the Implementation Committee chaired by Dr. Israt Husain, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity, was held on 20-08-2019 at 10:00 am at the, P.M. Secretariat. The list of the participants is at **Annex-I**. The prime agenda of the meeting was to consider the responses / objections received from the following seven (07) Ministries / Divisions on proposed Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies (**Annex-II**) falling under their administrative control:-

- 1) M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication
- 2) M/o Inter Provincial Coordination
- 3) Maritime Affairs Division
- 4) M/o Housing & Works
- 5) M/o Railways
- 6) National History & Literary Heritage Division
- 7) Petroleum Division

Besides the above, the following items were also on the agenda:-

- i. Deliberation on the merger of Textile Division with Commerce Division.
- ii. Briefing / Presentation on Special Communication Organization (SCO).
- iii. Presentation on criteria for Autonomous Bodies & Executive Departments.

2. At the outset of the meeting the Chair invited Secretary Commerce to give a presentation on the feasibility of the merger of Textile Division with Commerce Division. The Secretary briefed the Committee about the core and non-core departments of the Ministry of Commerce. It was also brought to the knowledge of the Committee that in the past, Textile Division was part of the M/o Commerce and in 2004, it was established as a separate Ministry. It was further informed that after the 18th Constitutional Amendment, the role of the Textile Division has minimized. The Secretary of the concerned Division suggested that merger of Textile Division with the M/o Commerce is an optimal option.

3. M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication

The Secretary, M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication explained the rationale for the revival of Telephone Industry of Pakistan (TIP), Haripur. He stated that

the Ministry was exploring the possibility of JV Model in consultation with private sector. On this, the chair remarked that mere revival was not a goal worth pursuing; rather the utility of such an organization in Public Sector has to be examined since gadgets are now being manufactured by private firms. Regarding the National Information Technology Board (NITB), the Secretary informed that the legal process for making NITB an Autonomous Body is under active process. Regarding the Special Communications Organization (SCO), it was requested that the presentation on it may be deferred as its D.G. has recently returned from Hajj and was not available for today's presentation. The Committee desired that they wanted to know the core business of SCO.

4. Inter Provincial Coordination

The Secretary IPC stated that M/o IPC has no objection on proposed Executive Departments, Autonomous Bodies and Grant-in-Aid Body.

5. Maritime Affairs

The Secretary Maritime Affairs expressed agreement of the Ministry with the proposed Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies. However, he gave some proposals regarding Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (PNSC) and for the following three other organizations as under:-

- i. Directorate of Dock Workers Safety, Karachi was suggested to be merged with Mercantile Marine Department.
- ii. Marine Biological Laboratory, Karachi to be merged with Marine Fisheries Department.
- iii. Directorate of Seamen's Welfare & Seaman Hostel, Karachi to be merged with Pakistan Maritime Academy.

6. M/o Housing & Works

The Secretary Ministry of Housing & Works stated that the Ministry has no objection on the Estate Office Management and Pakistan Public Works Department as Executive Departments. He further stated that FGE Housing Foundation has been changed into FGE Housing Authority. He further stated that NCL and NHA have not been included in any category. On this, the Chair remarked that Government desires to windup both of these departments since the functions of the Ministry should be to promote the housing industry and not to indulge in construction work as it is not possible to compete with the multibillion construction companies operating in the private sector. The Secretary also informed the Committee that Naya Pakistan Housing Authority (NPHA) is under the Cabinet Division, as Prime Minister desired to directly monitor the progress on Naya Pakistan Housing Program.

7. **Ministry of Railways**

The Secretary Railways informed the Committee that the Ministry has no objection on the Railway Board as Executive Department and also agreed with the three proposed Autonomous Bodies except Federal Government Inspector of Railways (FGIR). He further requested that the present status of Pakistan Railways Academy Walton may be kept intact as the academy hosts a number of training courses related to various specialist railway related disciplines. Over this, the Chair remarked that at present the agenda of committee is confined to the proposed Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies and the concerns about the academy will be considered when the topic of reorganization of training institutes is considered. A general advice of the Committee for the participants was that they should explore various models of public private partnerships especially for the operations of public hospitals. There exist a number of well reputed NGOs who are ready to provide their services or to do business with the Government. So in order to minimize the cost, the various options are required to be worked out. Secretary Railways also proposed that their Estate Management Company can also be transformed into an Autonomous Body to oversee their hospitals and educational institutions.

8. **National History & Literary Heritage**

The Minister for Federal Education & Professional Training, National History & Literary Heritage who is also Member of Implementation Committee informed the forum that in principle, the Division agrees to the proposed categorization. On the invitation of the Minister, the Secretary National History & Literary Heritage explained a few concerns / complications in the implementation particularly with reference to change of status of employees which will lead to litigation. The Secretary explained the underlying intricacies regarding the merger / conversion of the following entities:-

- (i) Merger of Urdu Science Board (USB) and Urdu Dictionary Board (UDB) into National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) and conversion of NLPD into an Autonomous Body to be renamed as National Language Promotion Authority (NLPA).
- (ii) Proposed merger of Quaid-e-Azam Academy (QAA) with Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB).
- (iii) Proposed merger of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex (AIC) with Iqbal Academy Pakistan (IAP).
- (iv) Conversion of Aiwan-e-Quaid (AeQ) Building, F-9 Park into an Executive Department.

At the end, the Division requested that they may be given one-month time for further deliberations.

9. **Petroleum Division**

The objections raised by the Petroleum Division were discussed. The Advisor to the Prime Minister on Petroleum Division who is also Member of the Implementation Committee stated that there was some confusion about nomenclature that has been clarified. So, the Petroleum Division has no objection on the proposed categorization of the organizational entities under its administrative control. Petroleum Division was also preparing an action plan regarding the corporatization of Geological Survey of Pakistan.

10. Before taking up the next item on the agenda, the Chair invited the Secretary Power Division to share his views on the proposed categorization of the organizational entities under the administrative control of Power Division. The Secretary stated that as far as the Autonomous Bodies are concerned, the Division has no objection. However, regarding the DISCOs (Distribution Companies, IESCO, LESCO, PESCO, QESCO...), he suggested that their proposed privatization needs further deliberation and Ministry will present an action plan in this regard.

11. At the end, the presentation on the criteria of Autonomous Body and Executive Department was made. The contents of the presentation are at **Annex-III**.

Decisions

- i. Textile Division should be merged with M/o Commerce.
 - ii. M/o Information Technology and Telecommunication will prepare a workable plan for the TIP and submit by December, 2019.
 - iii. Presentation on Special Communication Organization (SCO) will be made by D.G. SCO in the next meeting.
 - iv. The comments / proposals regarding the organizational entities other than the Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies will be considered as and when the agenda on those organizations is placed before the Implementation Committee. Therefore, the M/o Railways is to place its suggestion regarding Pakistan Railways Academy Walton onctraininginstitutesare being reviewed.
 - v. National History & Literary Heritage Division is to submit its final response on the proposed mergers and conversion outlined in para8 above within one month.
 - vi. The proposals of the Power Division on DISCOs will be considered when the agenda on these organizational entities is placed before the Committee.
 - vii. The presentation on the criteria of Executive Departments will be made in the ensuing Secretaries Committee.
 - viii. The discussion on the proposed re-categorization of all the organizational entities into Executive Department and Autonomous Bodies should be finalized at the earliest.
12. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

List of participants 3rd Meeting (20-08-2019)

- i. Advisor to the PM on Institutional Reforms & Austerity
- ii. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, National History & Literary Heritage
- iii. Advisor to the PM on Establishment
- iv. Chairman, Special Committee of the National Assembly on Kashmir, Islamabad
- v. Special Assistant to the PM on Petroleum
- vi. Secretary, Establishment Division
- vii. Special Secretary, Cabinet Division
- viii. Secretary, Commerce Division
- ix. Secretary, M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication
- x. Secretary, Inter Provincial Coordination
- xi. Secretary, M/o Maritime Affairs
- xii. Secretary, M/o Housing & Works
- xiii. Secretary, M/o Railways
- xiv. Secretary, Railway Board
- xv. Secretary, National History & Literary Heritage
- xvi. Secretary, Power Division
- xvii. Additional Finance Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Division
- xviii. Joint Secretary, M/o Law & Justice
- xix. Joint Secretary, Power Division
- xx. Joint Secretary (IRC)
- xxi. Deputy Secretary (IRC)
- xxii. Representatives (Two) of HQ SCO, M/o Information Technology & Telecommunication

List of Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies of seven Ministries / Divisions

S.#	Name of Ministry / Division	Name of Executive Departments	Name of Autonomous Body
1.	Information & Broadcasting	1. Press Information Department (PID)	1. Implementation Tribunal for Newspaper Employees (ITNE)
		2. Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications (DEMP)	2. Central Board of Film Censors (CBFC)
			3. Information Service Academy (ISA)
			4. National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa)
			5. Institute of Regional Studies (IRS)
			6. National Press Trust (NPT)
			7. Shalimar Recording and Broadcasting Company (SRBC)
			8. Pakistan Television Corporation Limited (PTV)
			9. Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA)
			10. Press Council of Pakistan (PCP)
			11. Associated Press of Pakistan Corporation (APPC)
2.	Inter Provincial Coordination	1. Department of Tourist Services	1. Pakistan Sports Board
		2. National Internship Programme	2. Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council
			3. Pakistan Cricket Board
			4. Federal Land Commission
			5. Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) (Proposed to be transferred from Cabinet Division)
			6. National Tourism Coordination Board (NTCB) (Proposed to be transferred from Cabinet Division)
3.	Maritime Affairs	1. Marine Fisheries Department, Karachi	1. Pakistan Marine Academy, Karachi
		2. Mercantile Marine Department, Karachi	2. Gawadar Port Authority, Gawadar
		3. Government Shipping Office, Karachi	3. Port Qasim Authority, Karachi
			4. Karachi Port Trust, Karachi
			5. Pakistan National

			Shipping Corporation, Karachi
			6. Korangi Harbour Fisheries Authority, Karachi
4.	Housing & Works	1. Estate Office Management	1. Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation, Islamabad
		2. Pakistan Public Works Department	2. Pakistan Housing Authority Foundation
5.	Railways	1. Railways Board (including Railways Divisions / Departments, Educational & Health Institutes & Factories / Workshops)	1. Federal Government Inspector of Railways (FGIR)
			2. Pakistan Railway Advisory & Consultancy Services Limited (PRACS) {Proposed to be evolved into Pakistan Railways Passenger Transportation Company (PRPTC)}
			3. Railway Constructions Pakistan Limited (RAILCOP)
			4. Pakistan Railways Freight Transportation Company Limited (PRFTC)
6.	National History & Literary Heritage	1. National Library of Pakistan (NLP), Islamabad	1. Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL), Islamabad
		2. Aiwan-e-Quaid Building, F-9 Park, Islamabad	2. Iqbal Academy Pakistan (IAP), Lahore
		3. Department of Archaeology & Museums (DOAM), Islamabad	3. Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB), Karachi
			4. National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) (Proposed to be renamed as National Language Promotion Authority (NLPA))
			5. National Book Foundation (NBF), Islamabad
7.	Petroleum	1. Geological Survey of Pakistan	1. Inter State Gas Systems (Pvt) Ltd. (ISGSL)
			2. Pak-Arab Refinery Limited (PARCO)
			3. Pakistan State Oil Company Limited (PSOCL)
			4. Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL)
			5. Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGCL)

