

**MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION
COMMITTEE FOR REORGANIZING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
HELD ON 27-08-2019**

The 4th meeting of the Implementation Committee was held on 27-08-2019 at 10:00 am in Institutional Reforms Cell (IRC) of the P.M. Office. It started with recitation from the Holy Quran and was chaired by Dr. Ishrat Husain, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity. The list of the participants is at **Annex-I**. The 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 in response to this Division's communications dated 24-07-2019 and 07-08-2019 on the subject: -

1. Ministry of Interior
2. Ministry of Science & Technology
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
4. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
5. Ministry of Defence Production
6. Ministry of Privatization
7. Ministry of Communications

2. Before taking up the regular agenda of the meeting, the Chair invited the Special Assistant to Prime Minister (SAPM) for National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination to share the proposed restructuring plan for the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination with the forum. The Minister stated that at the time of 18th Constitutional Amendment 2010, the dominant thinking was that Health was a provincial subject and accordingly, the then Ministry of Health was devolved. However, later, some reflections took place and Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination was re-established in 2011. Notwithstanding, the existing structure of the Ministry shows that it was set up in haste as its structure neither conforms to the functions nor to the

deployed human resource. The SAPM shared the existing structure with the members of the committee and explained the new proposed organogram. The SAPM was of the view that top slots in the Ministry should be filled by professionals having the background of health and specifically cited the example of Law and Justice Division. On the query of Defence Minister, the SAPM also explained that the distribution of the *SehatInsaf Card* is based on National Socio-Economic Registry (NSER) in BISP. The SAPM on Health in response to Mr. Fakher Imam remarked that before the present Government no functional mechanism was there to check the population. The SAPM stated that now the Ministry has started a program in this regard. On the proposal of the SAPM for establishing a new health cadre, the Chair requested the Health Ministry to come with a considered proposal which addresses the practical difficulties involved regarding inter-se seniorities of the professionals of various backgrounds within the same cadre. After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Committee authorized the Ministry to prepare a summary on the proposed restructuring and submit the case to the Cabinet after incorporating the views of Establishment and Finance Divisions.

3. After this the regular agenda of the meeting was discussed, which is as under:-

4. Ministry of Interior

The representative of the Ministry stated that the Ministry has no objection on proposed Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies. In addition to it, he requested that National Police Academy (NPA) and National Police Foundation (NPF) may also be included in Annex-7 or Annex-8.

5. Ministry of Science & Technology

The Secretary explained the reasons and rationale for retaining Council for Works & Housing Research (CWHR), Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technology (PCRET) and Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) in Ministry of Science & Technology. On this topic the SAPM on Petroleum specifically asked details of past research outcomes which these organizations have contributed to the economy. The SAPM on Petroleum further stated that research has

only two purposes a) research which is done for pure academic purposes b) research done for the transfer of technology and knowledge to relevant industries. In former case, academic research can be carried out by universities while in the latter case the applied research institutions should be closely tied to the sectoral ministries for wider dissemination. Those which do not add value may be wound up. The Committee did not agree with the observations made by the Ministry of Science & Technology and unanimously agreed to implement the proposals as outlined in the report approved by the Cabinet. At the end, it was pointed out that Pakistan Museum of National History, (PMNH) Islamabad (Sr.No.219 of Annex-8) is a subsidiary of Pakistan Science Foundation, (PSF) Islamabad (Sr.No.221 of Annex-8), and needs to be reflected, accordingly.

6. Ministry of Foreign Affairs

No representative from the Ministry participated. However, the written response of the Ministry was presented before the committee in which they agreed to all the proposals outlined in the report.

7. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

The representative of the Ministry besides the written request for reconsidering the proposal for transferring of Pakistan Media Electronic Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) to Cabinet Division stated that the Ministry has been facing some problems regarding the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) after the disbandment of its secret services expenditure. The Committee disagreed with proposal to retain PEMRA. The Chair further remarked that by declaring any institute as an Autonomous Body they are not going to change its legal status. The Committee recommended that MOFA may be consulted for merging IRS with Institute of Strategic Studies (ISS) considering the synergies between the two institutions.

8. Ministry of Defence Production

The Ministry intimated a day before the meeting that it was not possible for the Secretary to participate in the meeting as he was out of station and requested for rescheduling their agenda as the Ministry required 2-3 weeks' time. The Ministry was seeking to find out the difference between the Attached Department and Executive department. It was explained that in substance there was no difference and it was only renaming and rationalizing a wide array of Organizational Entities under the Federal Government.

9. Ministry of Privatization

The representative of the Ministry stated that Ministry has no objection on categorization of the Privatization Commission.

10. Ministry of Communications

The Secretary of the Ministry stated that the Ministry has no objection on the proposed Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies. However, he stated that National Highways Authority (NHA) carries a Federal Government debt of Rs. 2.3 trillion and after becoming an Autonomous Body the raising of loans from Banks, may hamper its functioning and future developments. On this, the SAPM on Petroleum suggested that these were Capital Development Loans(CDL)which were extended for executing projects under Public Sector Development Program. The Chair further remarked that the current liability would not be an obstacle in acquiring future loans, say, from banks. The condition which financial institutions usually put in such cases is that the borrower will not pay the public loan prior to their loan. The Committee advised the Ministry that it should beef up the infrastructure and faculty of National Transport Research Centre (NTRC) and revitalize it.

Decisions

- I. The Committee agreed in principle with the proposed reorganization of M/o National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination.
- II. National Police Academy (NPA) and National Police Foundation (NPF) of the Ministry of Interior be included in Annex-8 (list of Autonomous Bodies).
- III. Council for Works & Housing Research (CWHR) be transferred to M/o Housing & Works as Autonomous Body, Pakistan Council of Renewable Energy Technology (PCRET) be transferred to Power Division as Autonomous Body and Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (PCRWR) be transferred Water Resources Division as Autonomous Body.
- IV. The classification earlier approved in respect of Ministry of Science and Technology would remain intact. A National Commission on Science and Technology needs to be established for the promotion of science and technology in the country.
- V. Finance Division needs to expedite the implementation of the Public Finance Management Act with regards to abolishing FA Organization and putting in place the system of CFAOs and Internal Auditors.
- VI. The proposal for retaining Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) under the M/o Information and Broadcasting was not agreed. PEMRA would remain under the Cabinet Division.
- VII. M/o Foreign Affairs be invited in next meeting to give its views on the feasibility of merging Institute of Regional Studies (IRS) with Institute of Strategic Studies under M/o Foreign Affairs.
- VIII. The difference between an Attached Department and Executive Department be conveyed to Ministry of Defence Production.
- IX. NTRC be revitalized.
- X. The classification of the Organizational Entities (OEs) into Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies in respect of the following Ministries / Divisions, other than the issues specifically discussed in the above paras, stands finalized
 - i. Ministry of Interior
 - ii. Ministry of Science & Technology
 - iii. Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - iv. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
 - v. Ministry of Defence Production
 - vi. Ministry of Privatization
 - vii. Ministry of Communications

List of participants 4th Meeting (27-08-2019)

- i. Advisor to the PM on Institutional Reforms & Austerity
- ii. Minister for Defence
- 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. Special Assistant to the PM on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, Islamabad.
- vii. Secretary, Establishment Division
- viii. Secretary, Communications
- ix. Secretary, M/o National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination
- x. Secretary, M/o Science and Technology
- xi. Additional Secretary, Cabinet Division
- xii. Additional Secretary, M/o Interior
- xiii. Additional Finance Secretary (Expenditure), Finance Division
- xiv. Additional Secretary, Privatization Division
- xv. Chairman, National Highways Authority
- xvi. Additional Draftsman / Joint Secretary, M/o Law & Justice
- xvii. Joint Secretary, M/o Law & Justice
- xviii. Joint Secretary (IRC)
- xix. Deputy Secretary, M/o Information and Broadcasting.

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.	Interior	1. Directorate General of Immigration and Passports	1. National Database & Registration Authority (NADRA)
		2. Directorate General of Civil Defence	2. Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad
		3. Pakistan Rangers (Punjab), Lahore	3. National Public Safety Commission
		4. Pakistan Coast Guards, Karachi	4. Capital Development Authority (CDA)
		5. Frontier Corps, (North), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar	
		6. Frontier Corps, (South), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar	
		7. Frontier Corps, (North), Balochistan, Quetta	
		8. Frontier Corps, (South), Balochistan, Quetta	
		9. Office of the Chief Commissioner, Islamabad (ICT)	
		10. Pakistan Rangers (Sindh), Karachi	
		11. Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), Islamabad.	
		12. Office of the Commandant, Frontier Constabulary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar	
		13. Gilgit Baltistan Scouts, Gilgit	
		14. National Police Bureau	
		15. National Academy for Prisons Administration, Lahore	
2.	Science & Technology		1. COMSATS University, Islamabad (CUI)
			2. National Institute of Electronics, Islamabad (NIE)
			3. National Institute of Oceanography, Karachi (NIO)
			4. National University of Science & Technology, Islamabad (NUST)
			5. Pakistan Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, Islamabad (PCSIR)
			6. Pakistan Council for Science & Technology, Islamabad (PCST)
			7. Pakistan Engineering Council, Islamabad (PEC)
			8. Pakistan National Accreditation Council, Islamabad (PNAC)
			9. Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad (PSF)

			10. Pakistan Standard & Quality Control Authority, Karachi (PSQCA)
			11. Pakistan Halal Authority, Islamabad (PHA)
			12. National University of Technology, Islamabad (NUTECH)
			13. STEDEC Technology Commercialization Corporation of Pakistan Pvt. Ltd., Lahore (STEDEC)
3.	Foreign Affairs	1. All Pakistan Missions Abroad	1. Foreign Service Academy, Islamabad
		2. Afghan Trade Development Cell	2. Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad
4.	Information and 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)
5.	Defence Production	1. Directorate General Munitions Production (DGMP) – (MVRDE, ARDE & IOP)	1. Defence Export Promotion Organization (DEPO)
		2. Directorate General Defence Purchase (DGDP)	2. Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POFs) Board, Wah Cantt.
			3. Heavy Industries Taxila (HIT) Board, Taxila
			4. Pakistan Aeronautical Complex (PAC) Board, Kamra
			5. Karachi Shipyard & Engineering Works (KS&EW), Karachi
			6. National Radio Telecommunication Corporation (NRTC)
6.	Privatization	1. National Highways & Motorways Police (NH&MP)	1. Privatization Commission
7.	Communications		1. National Highway Authority (NHA)
			2. Construction Technology Training Institute (CTTI)