

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

JOINT MEETING OF THE TASK FORCES ON CIVIL SERVICE REFORMS AND AUSTERITY AND RESTRUCTURING GOVERNMENT

Date: 11th January, 2019
 Time: 10:00 am to 05:00 pm
 Venue: CS Committee Room, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar

The 7th meeting of the Task Forces on Civil Services Reforms and Austerity and Restructuring Government was jointly held at Civil Secretariat, Peshawar under the chair of Dr. Ishrat Hussain. Following is a re-cap of the key areas of discussion and decisions.

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	DECISIONS
Update on Key Summaries / Proposals	Chair apprised the Task Force members regarding the progress on the summaries and the proposals approved by the Task Force as following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security of Tenure of Civil Servants – Referred to a Committee of Ministers for its recommendations • Appointments of Heads of Key Organizations Under Federal Government – Referred to Law and Finance Division by the Prime Minister’s Office for their views • Role of Secretaries Committee – Summary approved • Reorganization of Federal Government – PM has given a go ahead in principle to the extent of Attached Departments and Autonomous 	It was decided that a joint meeting of the Task Forces will be planned with the Prime Minister in order for the members to grasp the vision of the Prime Minister vis-à-vis the reforms objectives.

	<p>Bodies/Corporations. The proposal regarding restructuring of the Ministries will be kept pending for the time being.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposals of Sub-Group on Induction – FPSC has agreed to the proposals shared with them after approval of the Task Forces. Summary will be moved accordingly by FPSC and Establishment Division • Appointment of Technical Advisors – Summary has been moved by the Establishment Division and is with the Finance Division for its views • Introduction of e-Government solutions in Federal Government – Summary has been moved and has been referred to the Task Force on IT & Telecom. Dr. Nadeem ulHaq highlighted the need for Business Process Re-engineering (BPR). Mr. Burhan Ahmad highlighted that certain modules of E-Office suite are pending approval with Finance, Planning and Establishment Division to which the departmental representatives were directed to expedite the same. 	
<p>Amendments in the Federal Government Rules of Business Stipulating the Role of Minister and Secretary</p>	<p>The sub-group of the Task Force on Austerity and Restructuring Government working on the job descriptions of the Federal Ministers and Federal Secretaries presented detailed proposals regarding the same and accompanying amendments in the Federal Government Rules of Business.</p>	<p>After thorough deliberation by the Task Forces on each proposed amendment, it was decided that the sub-group will circulate revised proposals after incorporating the feedback of the members of the Task Forces.</p>

<p>Progress on Provincial Task Forces</p>	<p>Chair enquired about the progress of work being carried out by the Provincial Task Forces in each province.</p>	<p>It was decided that in all future meetings of the Task Forces, following representatives of each provincial government shall give a briefing updating the members on the progress of provincial Task Forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Mr. Shaukat Ali, Secretary Food, Punjab ii. Ms. Naheed Shah Durrani, Sindh iii. Mr. Shahzad Bangash, ACS, KP iv. Mr. Qamar Masood, Secretary Services, Balochistan
<p>Summary on Proposal for Abolishing the FA's Organization</p>	<p>Proposals related to examining the role of FA's Organization in the Federal Government ministries and their contribution to financial decision making was deliberated at length.</p>	<p>It was decided that a summary proposing doing away with the FA's Organization as recommended by NCGR and endorsed by the Task Forces shall be sent for consideration by the Cabinet.</p>
<p>Presentations on Service Delivery Reforms vis-à-vis Education, Health and Police in the KP</p>	<p>Elementary & Secondary Education, Health and Provincial Police Departments of the Government of the KP presented the service delivery reforms introduced in their departments. Various issues associated with each aspect were discussed at length. Main observation of the members was that the reforms interventions were relevant and appreciable; however, there was a need to focus on the outcomes of various interventions.</p>	<p>It was emphasized that the Provincial Task Forces in KP may actively steer reforms for further improvement in the public service delivery.</p>