

Government of Pakistan
Cabinet Secretariat
Establishment Division
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WORKING PAPER

**Objections/Views received from Ministries / Divisions regarding
 Proposed Executive Departments, Autonomous Bodies and Grant-in-Aid Bodies**

The list of proposed Executive Departments, Autonomous Bodies and Grant-in-Aid Bodies (Tables 7, 8 and 9) was circulated among all concerned Ministries/Divisions soliciting Objections, if any, latest by 30-7-2019 with indication that non response by the deadline will be presumed that Ministries/Divisions has no objection to the proposed re-organization (**Annex-I**). Till date response from eight (8) Ministries/Divisions has been received and gist of feedback is as under:

S. No	Ministry/Division	Gist of Feedback
1	Finance Division	Agreed
2	Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan Division	i. Agreed with the proposed Executive Departments ii. Not agreed with the proposed Autonomous Bodies
3	Planning, Development & Reform Division	i. Agreed with proposed Executive Departments and Autonomous Bodies with update that one proposed Executive Department stands transferred and one proposed Autonomous Body to be transferred. ii. Not responded in case of proposed status of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics as an Autonomous Body
4	Aviation Division	i. Agreed with the proposed Executive Departments ii. Out of two proposed Autonomous Bodies one agreed one disagreed
5	Textile Division	Agreed (Suggestions for legal consultation on 4 proposed Autonomous Bodies)
6	Defence Division	i. Agreed with all proposed Executive Departments ii. Not agreed with the proposal of making Pakistan Armed Services Board as an Autonomous Body
7	Information Tech; & Telecommunication Division	Agreed (Suggestions given in respect of two other entities)
8	Poverty Alleviation & Social Protection Division	Agreed (Suggestion for inclusion of 3 leftover entities)
9	Federal Education & Professional Training Division	i. Out of 5 proposed Executive Departments, 2 not agreed whereas an update shared about leftover 3 organizations. ii. Agreed with proposed Autonomous Bodies with update shared

	in 2 cases iii. Agreed with proposed Grant-in-Aid Bodies
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2. The objections and suggestions of respective Ministries/Divisions pertaining to the proposed Executive Departments and proposed Autonomous Bodies are summarized as under:

1	<p><u>Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Gilgit Baltistan Council</u> proposed status as an Autonomous Body not agreed. GB Council was established through a Presidential Order as an independent legislative and executive body over 53 Federal Subjects for Gilgit Baltistan and act as an upper house (parliament) to legislate on Federal Subjects for Gilgit Baltistan. The Council has its own Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business on the pattern of Parliament of Pakistan. Therefore, it cannot be declared either as an Attached Department/Subordinate Office or Autonomous Body. Viewed in this context its current status may be maintained as envisaged in GB Reform Order 2018.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Azad Jammu and Kashmir Council</u> proposed status as an Autonomous Body not agreed. AJ&K Council is an independent legislative body established under Section 32 (2)(a) of AJ&K Interim Constitution Act, 1974. It is an organ of the Azad State of Jammu & Kashmir which is part of the Federation of Pakistan in view of Article 1(2) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 read with Article 257. Therefore AJ&K Council cannot be declared Autonomous Body of the Federal Government under the M/o KA&GB. (Annex-II)</p>
2	<p><u>Planning, Development & Reform Division</u></p> <p>(i) <u>National Endowment Scholarships for Talent (NEST)</u> NEST has already been transferred to Federal Education & Professional Training Division. Therefore, it may be made part of that Division.</p> <p>(ii) <u>National Logistic Cell (NLC)</u> - To be transferred to M/o Communications (Annex-III)</p>
3	<p><u>Aviation Division</u></p> <p><u>Pakistan International Airlines Corporation Limited</u> The Division is of the view that classifying PIACL as an Autonomous Body would not be accurate as it is a public limited company and operates under the Companies Act and Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan Rules. This position was communicated to the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Institutional Reforms and Austerity. (Annex-IV)</p>
4	<p><u>Textile Division</u></p> <p>a. Karachi Garment City Company (GCC), Karachi b. Lahore Garment City Company (LGCC), Lahore c. Faisalabad Garment City Company (FGCC), Faisalabad d. Pakistan Textile City Limited (PTCL), Karachi</p> <p>The Division has no objection on change of status of these companies into autonomous bodies. However, this involves legal ramification as bodies at S.No. a, b and c are Companies Limited by guarantee whereas the body at S. # d is Company Limited by shares as Public Limited Company and all registered under the Companies Ordinance, 1984, for which advice of Law Division is prerequisite and legal opinion of Law Division may be obtained in this regard. (Annex-V)</p>
5	<p><u>Defence Division</u></p> <p><u>Pakistan Armed Services Board (PASB):Not agreed</u> with its status as Autonomous Body. The administrative Ministry has forwarded the views of the Department whereby it has been</p>

	<p>argued that the Board is looking after the welfare of ex-servicemen and well-being of widows/families of shuhadas/deceased being state responsibility per se and cannot be downgraded in the priorities of any government. Hence change of status cannot be supported. The criteria for designating Executive Department applies 100% on PASB while the recommendation has been given to the contrary. The proposed status of making PASB as an Autonomous Body also gives the department a general sense of symbolic degradation and a feeling of disownment by the government which is naturally very discomforting/demoralizing for all ranks. The proposal is also considered flawed being financially un-feasible as well as PASB is non-revenue generation organization which is solely dependent on government allotted budget and cannot survive without that. In addition the status of regular employees of PASB as civil servant will also be at disadvantage by changing their status as employees of an Autonomous Body. In the circumstances, it is strongly recommended that PASB Department should continue to function as an Executive Department under direct oversight / kind patronage M/O Defence in the best interest of service, welfare of widows/families of shuhadas/diseased.</p> <p>(Annex-VI)</p>
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Information Tech; & Telecommunication Division:</u></p> <p>i. Telephone Industry of Pakistan: Established in 1953 with 100% share owned by the federal Government. It has been identified for revival in public interest.</p> <p>ii. Special Communication Organization: Established in 1976 with the directive of the then Prime Minister. It is under the control of GHQ and the Ministry provide funds under PSDP.</p> <p>(Annex-VII)</p>
<p>7</p>	<p><u>Poverty Alleviation & Social Protection Division:</u></p> <p>The Division has requested the following three organizations may also be included in one the category as the administrative matters of these organizations are under the domain of the Division:</p> <p>i. Trust for Voluntary Organization (TVO)</p> <p>ii. Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)</p> <p>iii. Poverty Alleviation Coordination Council (PACC)</p> <p>(Annex-VIII)</p>
<p>8</p>	<p><u>Federal Education & Professional Training</u></p> <p><u>Proposed Executive Departments:</u></p> <p>i. Inter Board Committee of Chairman (IBCC): Not yet transferred to the Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training (Being dealt under M/o IPC)</p> <p>ii. Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO (PNCU): Not agreed. PNCU will continue to work as a subordinate office of the Ministry.</p> <p>iii. National Talent Pool (NTP): Not agreed. Ministry has decided to windup NTP.</p> <p>iv. National Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (NCRDP): Summary for transfer of NCRDP to Human Rights Division has been approved by the Cabinet. Decision awaited.</p> <p>v. National Council for Social Welfare: Summary for transfer of National Council of Social Welfare to Human Rights Division has been approved by the Cabinet. Decision awaited.</p> <p><u>Proposed Autonomous Bodies</u> Agreed with following two updates:</p> <p>(i) National Institute of Science and Technical Education (NISTE): Already abolished, therefore not agreed.</p> <p>(ii) National College of Arts: Working as Grant in Aid institution (The case is being processed for making NCA as Federal Institution / University).</p>

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