

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS
ON THE RULERS OF ACCEDING STATES (ABOLITION OF PRIVY PURSES AND
PRIVILEGES) (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2008**

I, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the Bill further to amend the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972 [the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) (Amendment) Bill, 2008] referred to the Standing Committee on 22nd August, 2008.

2. The Committee comprises the following Members:-

1.	Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi	Chairman
2.	Malik.Mehrunnisa Afridi Advocate	Member
3.	Mrs. Asma Arbab Alamgir	Member
4.	Mr. Shaukatullah	Member
5.	Mr. Javed Iqbal Warriach	Member
6.	Engineer Muhammad Tariq Khattak	Member
7.	Mr. Noor Alam Khan	Member
8.	Mr. Muhammad Tariq Tarar	Member
9.	Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi	Member
10.	Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry	Member
11.	Sardar Muhammad Mushtaq Khan	Member
12.	Mr. Faiz Muhammad Khan	Member
13.	Mir Ahmadan Khan Bugti	Member
14.	Engineer Amir Muqam	Member
15.	Mr. Ehsanullah Reki	Member
16.	Syed Asif Hasnain	Member
17.	Mr. Pervaiz Khan	Member
18.	Mr. Najmuddin Khan Minister for SAFRON	Ex-officio member

3. The Committee discussed the Bill in detail during its meeting held on the 27th January, 2009.

4. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly (Annex-A) may be passed by the Assembly.

Sd/-

SAJID HUSSAIN TURI

Chairman

Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions

Sd/-

KARAMAT HUSSAIN NIAZI

Secretary

Islamabad, the March 6, 2009

[AS RECOMMENDED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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further to amend the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972 (P.O.No.15 of 1972) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**—(1) This Act may be called the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) (Amendment) Act, 2008.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of Article 5 of Order 15 of 1972.**- In the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972 (P.O. 15 of 1972), in Article 5, after clause (2) the following new clause shall be added, namely:-

“(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (1), and subject to clause (2), the Federal Government may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, increase the maintenance allowance of a Ruler or, as the case may be, a dependent of a Ruler.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Article 5 (a & b) of the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972 (P.O. No.15 of 1972) does not provide for enhancement of Maintenance Allowance as proposed by the Cabinet. The Maintenance Allowance was sanctioned to the Rulers of Acceding States or their dependents in lieu of privy purses at the relevant time but due to inflationary pressure has lost its worth. The Cabinet, therefore, in its meeting held on 24th May, 2006 read with Cabinet’s decision dated 15.11.2007, decided to enhance the monthly maintenance allowance to ex-rulers of all merged and acceding states and their dependents by 200% subject to minimum allowance of Rs. 25,000/- per annum. This object can be achieved by suitably amending the provisions of Article 5 of the Presidential Order No. 15 of 1972.

Sd/-

NAJMUDDIN KHAN
Minister-in-Charge