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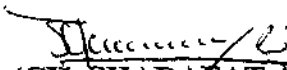
Islamabad, the 14th May, 2015. A meeting of the Standing Committee on Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control was held on 14th May, 2015 at 10.30 a.m. in Committee Room of NADRA Headquarter, State Bank Building, Sector G-5, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of **Rana Shamim Ahmad Khan, Chairman/MNA** for discussion on (i) "Question No. 12 moved by Ms. Naeema Kishwar Khan, MNA and other Hon'able Members in the National Assembly on 29th April, 2015", (ii) "The Criminal Law (amendment) Bill, 2014"; (Amendment of section 55, Act XLV of 1860) (Mover Ms. Shaista Pervez Malik, MNA) subject to the provision of report by the Ministry of Interior and (iii) "Comprehensive Briefing on National Database Registration Authority (NADRA)".

2. After recitation from the Holy Quran, the Honourable Chairman invited Chairman, NADRA to explain the Committee on agenda item (i). The Chairman, NADRA briefed the Committee that NADRA has its own Vigilance Directorate which keep eye on NADRA operations to report corruption or illegal practices by NADRA employees working across Pakistan. Vigilance Directorate has deputed specialized Intelligence Officers to check illegal processing taking place at registration center of NADRA. Besides this, Regional Head Officer and others intelligences agencies of Government of Pakistan also report involvement of NADRA employees in illegal practices. Upon receiving of such reports about illegal processing, the NICs, which are illegally processed or obtained, are blocked through Fraud Control System by Operations Directorate and disciplinary action against NADRA employees involved are initiated under Government Servant (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules 1973. During last five years, disciplinary action against 372 NADRA employees, who were found involved in preparation of illegal CNICs was initiated.

3. Thereafter, the Committee started its deliberations on agenda item (ii) ie "The Criminal Law (amendment) Bill, 2014"; (Amendment of section 55, Act XLV of 1860) moved by Ms. Shaista Pervez Malik, MNA in the House and referred to the Committee to discuss the proposed amendments in the Penal Code (Acts XLV of 1860) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Act V 1898) and Qanun-e-Shahadat Order (Order X of 1984). The Additional Secretary, Ministry of Interior informed the Committee that similar Bill is already under the discussion of the Standing Committee on Law, Justice and Human Rights and proposed to club the bill in to the said bill. He further informed the Committee that a Summary in this regard is under consideration by Ministry of Interior for approval of the Prime Minister under Rules 28 of Rules of Business, 1973. The Committee unanimously agreed and urged to finalize the same on priority basis.

4. At the end, the agenda item (iii) came under discussion after briefing on National Database Registration Authority (NADRA) by the representative from NADRA. The Honourable Members raised certain queries which were responded by Chairman, NADRA and Senior Officers from NADRA.

5. The meeting was attended by Syed Javed Ali Khan, Mr. Ghalib Khan, Syed Iftikhar-ul-Hassan, Mian Shahid Hussain Khan Bhatti, Makhdoom Syed Ali Hassan Gillani, Mr. Nauman Islam, Shaikh, Mr. Ehsan-ur-Rehman Mazari, Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur, Ms. Naeema Kishwer Khan, Dr. Arif Alvi, Syed Asif Hasnain, Mr. Sher Akber Khan, Mir Dostain Domki, Col. (Retd) Dr. Amir Ullah Marwat, Malik Abdul Ghaffar Dogar, Ms. Shaista Pervaiz Malik, MNA/Mover and Pir Muhammad Aslam Bodla, MNA/Special Invitee.


(CH. SHARAFAT ALI)
Secretary Committee
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