

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Subject:- SPECIAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON "THE SALARY AND ALLOWANCES OF THE SPEAKER/CHAIRMAN SENATE, DEPUTY SPEAKER/DEPUTY CHAIRMAN SENATE AND MEMBERS OF THE MAJLIS-E-SHOORA (PARLIAMENT)

I, Acting Chairman of the Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present this special report of the Committee under rule 234 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007, on "*The Salary and Allowances of the Speaker/Chairman Senate. Deputy Speaker/Deputy Chairman Senate and Members of the Majlis-e-Shoora.*"

2. The Committee consists of the following Members:-

1. Ch. Asad-ur-Rehman, MNA	Chairman
2. Chaudhary Khadim Hussain, MNA	Member
3. Malik Iqbal Mehdi Khan, MNA	Member
4. Chaudhary Mahmood Bashir Virk, MNA	Member
5. Rana Umar Nazir Khan, MNA	Member
6. Ch. Bilal Ahmed Virk, MNA	Member
7. Mr. Najaf Abbas Sial, MNA	Member
8. Mr. Muhammad Raza Hayat Harraj, MNA	Member
9. Mr. Alam Dad Laleka, MNA	Member
10. Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra, MNA	Member
11. Mr. Abdul Majeed Khan Khanan Khail, MNA	Member
12. Sheikh Muhammad Akram, MNA	Member
13. Mr. Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar, MNA	Member
14. Ms. Kiran Haider, MNA	Member
15. Ms. Maiza Hameed, MNA	Member
16. Nawab Muhammad Yousuf Talpur, MNA	Member
17. Mr. Muhammad Ayaz Soomro, MNA	Member
18. Ms. Shagufta Jumani, MNA	Member
19. Rai Hassan Nawaz Khan, MNA	Member
20. Mr. Gulzar Khan, MNA	Member
21. S.A. Iqbal Quadri, MNA	Member
22. Mr. Muhammad Ali Rashid, MNA	Member
23. Ms. Asiya Nasir, MNA	Member
24. Sheikh Aftab Ahmad, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-officio Member

**Special Invitees:**

1. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, MNA/Parliamentary Secretary,  
Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization
2. Mian Abdul Mannan, MNA/Chairman,  
Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs
3. Mr. Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh, MNA/Chairman,  
Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and  
Privatization
4. Mr. Qahar Khan Wadan, MNA
5. Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali, MNA
6. Sahibzada Tariq Ullah, MNA
7. Mr. Iftikhar-ud-Din, MNA
8. Mr. Bilal-ur-Rehman, MNA
9. Ch. Muhammad Ashraf, MNA

3. The Committee took up the matter on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 and after some deliberations, decided to defer the same till its next meeting. On 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2015, the Committee discussed the matter again and appointed a Sub-Committee to further work on the privileges of Members of the National Assembly of Pakistan under the said Act. The Sub-Committee held its meetings on 29<sup>th</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 and submitted its recommendations to the Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 which were adopted by the Committee.

4. The Committee in its meetings held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, discussed the said issue in detail. The Committee while discussing the comparative statements of the privileges of Members of Assemblies of different countries as well as Provincial Assemblies of Pakistan realized that the existing emoluments of the Members of the Parliament were much below than their counter parts in the region.

5. The Committee deliberated the existing provisions admissible under the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 as also reproduced in the brief submitted by Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Annexure-A). The Committee was also apprised that the recommendations of National Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs as regard to enhancement of salaries and allowances of the Members

of the Parliament were sent to the Ministry of Finance vide Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs' D.O letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 (Annexure-B). It was inter-alia recommended that the salaries of the Members should be brought at par with the maximum of Federal Secretary (BS-22).

6. The Committee also endorsed the recommendations of the Sub-Committee appointed under the convenership of Ms. Shagufta Jumani, MNA which recommended enhancement in salaries and allowances of the Members and also proposed improvement in medical facilities admissible to the Members (Annexure-C).

7. In addition to above, a detailed presentation was given to the Committee by representatives of Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS). Based on comparative analysis, given in the presentation (Annexure-D), the Committee unanimously observed that salaries and allowances of MNAs and Senators were on very lower side and did not commensurate with their status. It was further observed that salaries of Members of Provincial Assemblies particularly, the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan, were much higher than the Members of the Parliament. A comparative statement showing the salaries of MPAs and the MPs of different countries attempted by PIPS is attached (Annexure-E).

8. The Committee thoroughly deliberated upon each provision, containing salaries and allowances in the Members of Parliaments (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 and recommended as under:

- (i) Title of the Act may be modified as "The Members of Parliament (Salaries, Allowances and **Privileges**) Act, 1974.
- (ii) Salary provided under section 3 of the said Act may be revised as Rs.200,000/- per month and all the existing ad-hoc reliefs may be discontinued.
- (iii) Sumptuary Allowance under section 4-B of the Act may be omitted/discontinued.
- (iv) Transport Allowance amounting to Rs.50,000 may be allowed per month.
- (v) Road journey millage Allowance may be revised from Rs.10 to Rs.20 per kilometer.
- (vi) A member provided with vouchers may be allowed to opt for encashment of said vouchers with the same amount of Rs.300,000/-
- (vii) Return business class air tickets under section 10 may be enhanced to 30 and allowed to be converted in favour of family members as well.

- (viii) Telephone Allowance under section 11 may be discontinued and a new Equipment Allowance amounting to Rs. 300,000/- for IT installations etc. may be allowed once during entire tenure of a Member.
- (ix) Following new monthly Allowances may be allowed:-
- Office Maintenance Rs. 100,000/-
  - Constituency Allowance Rs. 70,000/-
  - Utility Allowance Rs. 50,000/-
- (x) Medical facility may be improved and Hospitals be prescribed by the Hon. Speaker and Chairman, Senate in capital cities and Multan and other big cities.
- (xi) The Members are honored in accordance with their status in the warrant of precedent and Privilege Committee be authorized to proceed against the delinquent officials under the Government Servants (E&D) Rules, 1973.
- (xii) The existing section 14-A is recommended to be omitted.

9. A comparative statement showing existing provisions and proposed amendments, after incorporating the above recommendations, in "*The Members of the Parliament (Salaries and Allowance) Act, 1974*", is attached (Annexure-F). Accordingly, a draft Bill is also attached (Annexure-G)

10. Moreover, the Committee also considered the Salaries and Allowances of Hon. Speaker/ Chairman, Senate and Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman Senate and recommended the following enhancement/revision in their salaries:-

**A: Speaker/Chairman:**

The salary under section 3 of the Speaker/Chairman Senate (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1975 may be revised as Rs.400,000/- and sumptuary allowance 50,000/- per month whereas the medical facility should be as admissible to Member of Parliament in prescribed Hospitals

11. A comparative statement showing existing provisions and proposed amendment incorporating the above alongwith draft Bill, in the said Act is attached at Annexure H)

**B: Deputy Speaker/Deputy Chairman:**

The salary under section 3 of the Deputy Speaker and Deputy Chairman Senate (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1975 may be revised as Rs.350,000/- and

sumptuary allowance 40,000/- per month whereas the medical facility should be as admissible to Member of Parliament in prescribed Hospitals

12. A comparative statement showing existing provisions and proposed amendment incorporating the above alongwith draft Bill, in the said Act is attached at Annexure I)
13. The Special Report of the Committee is placed before the National Assembly for adoption of its recommendations and further legislation accordingly.

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**(Ch.Mahmood Bashir Virk)**  
Acting Chairman

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**(Abdul Jabbar Ali)**  
**Secretary**  
**Islamabad, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**