

**THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
RULES, 2014**

1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) These rules may be called the Parliamentary Committee on appointment of Chairperson and Members of the National Commission for Human Rights Rules, 2014.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.-**(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) **"Act"** means the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012;

(b) **"Chairman"** means Chairman of the Committee;

(c) **"Chairperson"** means Chairperson of the National Commission for Human Rights appointed under section 4 of the Act;

(d) **"Committee"** means the Parliamentary Committee on appointment of the Chairperson and Members of the National Commission for Human Rights constituted under sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Act;


(e) **"Member"** means a member of the Committee; and

(f) **"Secretary"** means the Secretary, National Assembly and includes any person for the time being performing the duties of the Secretary National Assembly.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

3. **Powers of the Committee.-** (1) The Committee shall have powers to summon or invite any person or call for any information or record required by it from any person or authority for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

(2) Subject to clause (3) of article 66 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Committee shall have powers vested in Civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) for enforcing the attendance of any person and compelling the production of documents.

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4. **Functions of the Committee.**, (1) Nominations for Appointment of Chairperson and Members of the National Commission for Human Rights received by the Secretary from the Prime Minister or as the case may be, the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly, shall be placed before the Chairman who shall call a meeting of the Committee on a date, time and place determined by him in consultation with the members of the Committee, to be notified by the Secretary.

(2) The Committee, after considering the nominations for an actual or anticipated vacancy of the Chairperson and Members of the National Commission for Human Rights, may hear and confirm any nomination by a majority of the Members present and voting within fourteen days of the receipt of such nominations.

(3) The Chairman shall forward the names of the nominees confirmed by the Committee to the President, who shall appoint the Chairperson and members accordingly and such appointment shall be notified in the official gazette.

5. **Legality of the proceedings of the Committee.**- No action or decision taken by the Committee shall be invalid or called in question only on the ground of the existence of a vacancy therein or of the absence of any member from any meeting thereof.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

6. **Chairman of the Committee:-** (1) The Chairman shall be elected by the Committee from amongst its members:

Provided that the election of the Chairman shall be held afresh after each general election to the National Assembly or an election to fill the seats in the Senate on the expiry of the term of half of the total membership of the Senate, as the case may be or when the office of Chairman becomes vacant due to any reason:

Provided further that the Secretary in consultation with the Speaker National Assembly shall fix the meeting of the Committee for the election of the Chairman.

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- (2) If the Chairman of the Committee is not present at any sitting, the Committee shall elect one of its members present to act as Chairman for that sitting.
- (3) The Chairman or the person presiding over the sitting shall regulate the proceedings of the Committee.
- (4) The Chairman shall, in the event of the equality of votes, have a casting vote.
- (5) Secretary, National Assembly shall act as Secretary of the Committee.

7. **Quorum of a meeting.-** The Quorum to constitute a sitting of the Committee shall be three Members including the Chairman of the total membership of the Committee.

8. **Record of the Proceedings.-** The proceedings of the Committee shall be held in camera. However, a record of the proceedings shall be maintained by the Secretary.

9. **Travel.-** A member while attending meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to the TA/DA as admissible to him under the provisions of the Members of the Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974. (XXVII 1974).

10. **Amendment of the rules.-** The Committee shall have power to amend any of the provisions of these rules with a majority of the members present and voting.

11. **Residuary powers.-** All matters for which no provision or no sufficient provision has been made in these rules, shall be regulated in such manner as the Committee may direct.

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