

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

No. F.11 (1)/2025-Com-II\Poverty

Islamabad, the 20th June, 2025

NOTICE

10th meeting of the Standing Committee on **Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety** will be held on **Thursday, the 3rd July, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. in the Constitution Room, Parliament House, Islamabad**, to discuss the following agenda:-

- i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting held on 27th May, 2025;
 - ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee;
 - iii) Presentation by the Governor, State Bank of Pakistan and Presidents of private banks on definitive timelines for the completion of the BISP pilot project and resolution of payment model delays, with the Secretary, Finance Division in attendance to address the project's integration challenges.
 - iv) Submission by the Secretary, Finance Division on the impact of recent government hiring policy changes on BISP's operational efficiency, along with proposed solutions to fill 79 vacant Grade 17+ positions and 1,051 lower-grade vacancies (Grades 1-16).
 - v) Comprehensive expenditure report from BISP detailing budgetary allocations and actual spending on advertisements during FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26.
 - vi) Update from BISP management on the Muzaffargarh case, covering the recovery of over PKR 1 million from fraudulent bank agents, reimbursement to affected beneficiaries, blacklisting of 124 involved retailers, and preventive measures to curb future irregularities.
 - vii) Review of foreign-funded projects under the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, including executing agencies, funding details, and current progress status.
 - viii) Detailed briefing by the Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives on Pakistan's latest Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) findings, followed by proposed interventions to address systemic gaps in social welfare programs beyond BISP's mandate.
 - ix) To discuss the investigations of BISP beneficiaries protest over bribery, harassment and illegal deductions by BISP staff posted at Government School, New Karachi Sector E-5 (news appeared in Express Tribune, 14th May, 2025).
 - x) Progress report from the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety on the development of a legislative framework to standardize the roles of federal/provincial governments, NGOs, and INGOs in poverty alleviation initiatives.
 - xi) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
2. The Honorable members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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1. Mir Ghulam Ali Talpur	Chairman
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6. Mir Khan Muhammad Jamali	Member
7. Nawabzada Iftikhar Ahmed Khan Babar	Member
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9. Ms. Mahtab Akbar Rashdi	Member
10. Ms. Asia Ishaque Siddiqui	Member
11. Mr. Arshad Abdullah Vohra	Member
12. Mr. Mohammad Ilyas Choudhary	Member
13. Mr. Adil Khan Bazai	Member
14. Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan	Member
15. Ms. Aniqah Mehdi	Member
16. Mr. Shafqat Abbas	Member
17. Mr. Jamshaid Ahmad	Member
18. Mr. Awais Haider Jakhar	Member
19. Mr. Misbah Uddin	Member
20. Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety	Ex-Officio Member

- Attorney General for Pakistan

For information and necessary action with reference to agenda:

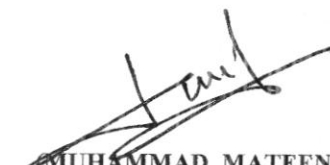
1. **Secretary, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety**, 4th Floor, Evacuee Trust Building, F-5/1, Islamabad, with the request to:
 - a) attend the meeting (*in-person*) along-with all concerned ancillary organizations/projects and complete relevant record.
 - b) direct all concerned head of divisions/departments to attend and present their respective agenda during the meeting.
forward soft copy of complete brief at email mateen.taaruf@na.gov.pk and **50 hard copies at least three days before the meeting** for advance study of the Hon. Standing Committee Members.
2. **Secretary, Ministry of Finance**, Q-Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting.
3. **Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives on Pakistan**, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting.
4. **Managing Director (MD), Pakistan Baitul-ul-Mal (PBM)**, Street N. 7, Sector: H-8/4, Islamabad to attend the meeting.
5. **Chairperson, Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP)**, Islamabad with the request to attend the meeting.
6. **Section Officer (Council), Ministry of Poverty Alleviation & Social Safety**, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad, with the request to make all necessary arrangements for the meeting at the venue, coordinate with all concerned, forward detail of participants and ensure provision of the required number of copies of the brief (both in hard and soft) to this Secretariat, all has to be done at least 3 days before the meeting.
7. **The Governor, State Bank of Pakistan**, Karachi with the request to attend the meeting.
8. **The President of Meezan Bank, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
9. **The President of National Bank of Pakistan, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
10. **The President of United Bank limited, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
11. **The President of Habib Bank Limited, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
12. **The President of Alfiah Bank, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
13. **The President of JS Bank, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
14. **The President of Bank of Punjab, Head office Lahore** with the request to attend the meeting.
15. **The President of Mobilink Microfinance Bank, Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.
16. **The President of Telenor Microfinance Bank, Head office Karachi** with the request to attend the meeting.

For information, coordination and necessary action respectively to facilitate the holding of the subject meeting:-

- 1) Joint Secretary, (Admn), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 2) Director General (Media & Photography), National Assembly Secretariat, Parliament House, Islamabad with the request to arrange the photographic coverage of the meeting.
- 3) Joint Secretary, (Finance), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 4) Director General (IT), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to arrange for Zoom facility. multimedia facility, place meeting notice on website and broadcast SMS to Committee Members.
- 5) Joint Secretary (Legislative Drafting), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad, with the request to depute an officer for the legislative business.
- 6) Director (Telecasting), National Assembly Secretariat Islamabad.
- 7) Director (Audio Transmission), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 8) Director (Coord),CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad, with the request to do the needful relating to Civil, Electrical and other works through all concerned.
- 9) Drawing and Disbursing Officer, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 10) Librarian, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 11) Sergeant-at-Arms, National Assembly, Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 12) Executive Director, Federal Government Poly Clinic, Islamabad, through Medical Officer (Dispensary). Parliament House, Islamabad, with the request to provide medical cover to the Members of the Committee.
- 13) Deputy Superintendent of Police (Security), Parliament House, Islamabad.
- 14) Superintendent (Notice Office), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 15) Annunciation Cell, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 16) Resource Centre, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

For information to:

- 1) Accountant General Pakistan Revenues, Islamabad.
- 2) Joint Secretary (Admin), Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad.
- 3) S.P.S to Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 4) Principal Secretary to Speaker, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 5) Director General to Deputy Speaker, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 6) Director to Leader of the Opposition, National Assembly of Pakistan, Islamabad.
- 7) S.P.S to Chief Whip (Ruling Party), Parliament House, Islamabad.
- 8) Staff Officer to Secretary General, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 9) Director Staff to Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 10) S.P.S to Adviser (Legislation), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 11) A.P.S to Additional Secretary (Committees), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 12) A.P.S to Joint Secretary (Committees), National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 13) Committee Branches I, II & III, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 14) Committee Branches I & II, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 15) All Officers/Branches concerned, National Assembly Secretariat, Islamabad.


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