

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN



PERIODICAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

(01st July, 2019 to 31st December, 2019)

Presented by
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Chairperson

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

Subject: - PERIODICAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

1, Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Climate Change, have the honor to present the Periodical Report of the Committee under rule 234-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 from 1st July, 2019 to 31st December, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1. Ms. Munaza Hassan	Chairperson
2. Dr. Haider Ali Khan	Member
3. Mr. Khial Zaman	Member
4. Mr. Tahir Sadiq	Member
5. Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal	Member
6. Mr. Muhammad Alamgir Khan	Member
7. Ms. Andleeb Abbas	Member
8. Dr. Seemi Bokhari	Member
9. Ms. Aliya Hamza Malik	Member
10. Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani	Member
11. Ms. Rubina Irfan	Member
12. Ms. Tahira Aurangzeb	Member
13. Ms. Shaista Pervaiz	Member
14. Ms. Musarrat Asif Khawaja	Member
15. Ms. Zahra Wadood Fatemi	Member
16. Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam	Member
17. Syed Mustafa Mahmud	Member
18. Ms. Shazia Marri	Member
19. Ms. Shahida Rehmani	Member
20. Mr. Afreen Khan	Member
21. Ms. Zartaj Gul	(Ex-officio Member)
Minister of State for Climate Change	

Mr. Dawood Nasim

Secretary Committee

Note:

The following changes were made in the composition of Committee during the subject period.

1. Ms. Shazia Marri	Member Excluded on 12 th December, 2019
2. Mr. Zulfiqar Bachani	Member Included on 12 th December, 2019

3. On 1st July, 2019, no Bill/Matter referred by the Assembly was pending before the Committee.

4. The Committee held following meetings during the said period:-

Sr. No.	Date/Venue of Meeting	Attendance of MNAs	Agenda
1.	<u>29.07.2019</u> at 11:00 a.m Committee Room No.7 (4 th Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad.	11 Members including the Chairperson, Minister for State, attended the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 16th May, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report / implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Discussion on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) including UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); iv) Discussion on comprehensive report with respect to significant improvement in Sheesham tree growth and seed quality; v) Briefing to give work plan on the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Comprehensive action plan and proposals for enhancing community resilience and adaptation against climate change and environment with a particular focus on farmers; b) Plan for raising awareness regarding Climate Change; c) Proposals/suggestions for improvement in Early Warning System; and vi) Any other item with permission of the Chair.
2.	<u>16.09.2019</u> at 11: 00 a.m Committee Room No.7 (4 th Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad.	08 Members including the Chairperson attended the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 29th July, 2019. ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 16th May, 2019; iii) Detailed briefing by Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), dedicated Research Institute and Agriculture Universities (Punjab) to the Committee on Research for Wheat, Rice Crops and what steps have been taken to share the research papers and coordination along with Federal as well as Provincial Government; and iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.
3.	<u>02.10.2019</u> at 02:00 p.m Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges,	11 Members including Chairperson and the Advisor of Hon. Prime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th September, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations

	Islamabad	Minister attended the meeting	<p>of the Committee held on 6th March, 2019 and 19th April, 2019;</p> <p>iii) Detailed briefing on the recommendations regarding use of low quality fuel in vehicles and de-circularization of diesel to control vehicular emissions;</p> <p>iv) To discuss on the comprehensive report on the plantation of trees of special species alongside highways and other areas across provinces (Punjab, Khber Pakhtunkhwa) under Green Pakistan Programme; and</p> <p>v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>
4.	<u>16.10.2019 at</u> 02:30 p.m Committee Room of Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad	13 Members including Chairperson and the Parliamentary Secretary attended the meeting	<p>i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 29th July, 2019 and 16th September, 2019;</p> <p>iii) "The Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2019" [Substitution of Section 31, Act XXXIV of 1997] (moved by Syed Fakhar Imam, MNA);</p> <p>iv) Comprehensive briefing by the oil refineries, operating in the country over the fuel specifications of diesel and the measures taken for de-sulphurization and how much Euro-II complaint diesel is being produced in the country; and</p> <p>v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>
5.	<u>13.11.2019 at</u> 02:30 p.m Committee Room of Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad	09 Members including Chairperson and Hon. Minister of State, Parliamentary Secretary and Special Invitees attended the meeting	<p>i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th October, 2019;</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 2nd October, 2019;</p> <p>iii) To consider "The Pakistan Environmental Protection (amendment) Bill, 2019" [Substitution of Section 31, Act XXXIV of 1997] (moved by Syed Fakhar Imam, MNA);</p> <p>iv) Comprehensive briefing by the Ministry as well as Capital Development Authority (CDA) to the Committee on Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP);</p> <p>v) Detailed briefing by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to the Committee over the plantation of trees in the Capital Territory; and</p> <p>vi) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>

6.	12.12.2019 at 02:30 p.m Committee Room No.7 (4 th Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad	15 Members including the Chairperson and the Parliamentary Secretary attended the meeting.	i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held on 13 th November, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held 16 th October, 2019; iii) To discuss on issue of the private restaurants located at Margalla Hills National Park, the restaurants are also involved the dumping of litter and drainage of sewerage in Margalla Hills National Park, causing grave loss to the Environment and also polluting the natural drinking water in the National Park and what steps have been taken to control it; and iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.
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5. The performance of the Committee with reference to the above said meetings are detailed below:-

Sr. No.	DATE/AGENDA	RECOMMENDATIONS	REMARKS
1.	<u>29th July, 2019</u> i) Confirmation of minutes of the meeting held on 16 th May, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report / implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Discussion on Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) including UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); iv) Discussion on comprehensive report with respect to significant improvement in Sheesham tree growth and seed quality; v) Briefing to give work plan on the following:- a) Comprehensive action plan and proposals for enhancing community resilience and adaptation against climate change and environment with a particular focus on farmers; b) Plan for raising awareness regarding	The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting. That the Provincial Secretaries Forest Department, Government of the Punjab/Sindh/KPK/Balochistan/Azad Jammu & Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan to be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee over the tree plantation along highways and other areas across provinces That the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee over the tree plantation in the Capital Territory. That the Agricultural Universities as well as dedicated Research Institutes to be invited in the next meeting to brief and to share the research papers regarding agriculture sector. The Committee reiterated to share the	Compiled Compiled Compliance Awaited Compliance Awaited

	<p>c) Climate Change; Proposals / suggestions for improvement in Early Warning System; and</p> <p>vi) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>	<p>curriculum/books especially in Islamabad in the next meeting which contains such information.</p>	<p>Compliance Awaited</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>16.09.2019</p> <p>i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 29th July, 2019</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 16th May, 2019.</p> <p>iii) Detailed briefing by Global Change Impact Studies Centre (GCISC), dedicated Research Institute and Agriculture Universities (Punjab) to the Committee on Research for Wheat, Rice Crops and what steps have been taken to share the research papers and coordination alongwith Federal as well as Provincial Government; and</p>	<p>The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting.</p> <p>That the data based digitalization mechanism for tree plantation should be initiated with the coordination of relevant departments.</p> <p>That the Parliamentarians and the local representatives should be involved in the tree plantation programs being carried out in their respective constituencies/ areas.</p> <p>That the water policy 2017 should be submitted for the consideration of the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee also suggested that the agricultural manifesto should be constituted in collaboration with the local and international agricultural universities.</p> <p>That the small water reservoirs/dams should be constructed for agriculture purpose and the rain water harvesting should be initiated to up lift the water table.</p> <p>That the provision of seed to the farmers should be regulated by the Government to ensure the quality of the seed.</p> <p>That the Agriculture Universities should provide their presentation and research papers on Climate Change to be uploaded on the website on Ministry of Climate change both in English and Urdu.</p> <p>That the Agriculture Universities should suggest the legislation required for research oriented agriculture.</p> <p>That the quarantine department should be made more vigilant in terms of seed transportation i.e. seed import.</p>	<p>Compiled</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p> <p>Compliance Awaited</p>

<p>iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>	<p>That the mechanism for tree/plant census should be initiated to make the plantation process more efficient and accurate.</p>	
<p>3. 02.10.2019</p> <p>i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 6th March, 2019 and 19th April, 2019;</p> <p>iii) Detailed briefing on the recommendations regarding use of low quality fuel in vehicles and de-circularization of diesel to control vehicular emissions;</p> <p>iv) To discuss on the comprehensive report on the plantation of trees of special species alongside highways and other areas across provinces (Punjab Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) under Green Pakistan Programme; and</p> <p>v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>	<p>The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting.</p> <p>That the affairs of the National Parks and Zoo should be allocated to the Ministry of Climate Change despite of CDA.</p> <p>To invite all the oil refineries are operating in the country to brief the Committee over the fuel specifications of diesel and the measures taken for de-sulphurization and how much Euro-II compliant diesel is being produced in the country.</p> <p>To call Capital Development Authority (CDA) in its next meeting for allocating National Parks land for the construction of restaurants in the middle of Margalla Hills National Park premises causing immense loss to the wild life and creating air pollution etc in the capital city.</p> <p>That the Province wise and district wise list of the tree plantation in the country may be provided to the Committee.</p> <p>That the capacity of nurseries should be enhanced all over the country to achieve the theme of clean and green Pakistan.</p> <p>That the safe advertising billboards and screens should be installed along the road-side and the safety procedure should be strictly followed for smooth traffic flow in cosmopolitans and metropolitans of the country.</p> <p>That the local manufacturing of electrical vehicle battery should be encouraged to lower the vehicle prices in the country.</p>	<p>Compiled</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compiled</p>

4.	<p style="text-align: center;">16.10.2019</p> <p>i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting held on 2nd October, 2019;</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/ implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 29th July, 2019 and 16th September, 2019;</p> <p>iii) "The Pakistan Environmental Protection (amendment) Bill, 2019" [Substitution of Section 31, Act XXXIV of 1997] (moved by Syed Fakhar Imam, MNA);</p> <p>iv) Comprehensive briefing by the oil refineries, operating in the country over the fuel specifications of diesel and the measures taken for de-sulphurization and how much Euro-II complaint diesel in being produced in the country; and</p> <p>v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>	<p>The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting.</p> <p>That the Environment Departments of all the Provinces would be invited in the meeting of the Committee to formulate a strategy to overcome the pollution issue in Pakistan.</p> <p>That the proper legislation should be carried out to ban the tyres burning in the surrounding areas of Lahore and other districts of Punjab.</p> <p>That the Provincial Governments to take steps to ban the crops burning especially in the rural areas to save the country from pollution/smog.</p> <p>That the brick kilns should be converted to zig zag pattern and technology to minimize the environmental pollution.</p> <p>That the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government should take stringent measures to control the dust created due to the chip board factories in the surrounding areas of Hayatabad</p> <p>That the Capital Development Authority (CDA) and other concerned quarters should involve the Agriculture Universities as well as dedicated research institutes for their expert opinion prior to the tree plantation in the country.</p> <p>That a meeting of the Standing Committees on Climate Change of both the National Assembly and the Senate should be convened on the same agenda and venue to get the same recommendations on the fuel specifications of diesel and measures to be taken for de-sulphurization of diesel.</p> <p>That the Ministry of Petroleum, OGRA and other stakeholders also to be invited in the above said meeting to formulate a plan for finalizing the time frame for up-gradation and shifting of fuel specifications to Euro-iv and V technology of all the refineries in Pakistan.</p>	<p>Compiled</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p>
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5.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>13.11.2019</u></p> <p>i) Confirmation of minutes of the previous meeting;</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 16th October, 2019;</p> <p>iii) To consider "The Pakistan Environmental Protection (amendment) Bill, 2019" [Substitution of Section 31, Act XXXIV of 1997] (moved by Syed Fakhar Imam, MNA);</p> <p>iv) Comprehensive briefing by the Ministry as well as Capital Development Authority (CDA) to the Committee on Margallah Hills National Park (MINP);</p> <p>v) Detail briefing by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to the Committee over the plantation of trees in the Capital Territory; and</p>	<p>The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting.</p> <p>That the Ministry of Climate Change should take stringent measures for stopping the sewerage lines from the restaurants constructed in the Margalla Hills National Park causing grave loss to the environment and also contaminating the natural drinking water in the National Park and the concerned departments should be invited in the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>As the Committee was assured by the Secretary Ministry of Climate Change that the Islamabad Wildlife Management Board would be constituted within a month and their service rules would be finalized within a period of three months.</p> <p>The Committee directed the Secretary Ministry of Climate Change to coordinate with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over the issue of pollution/dust being created by the chip board industries in Hayatabad, Peshawar and also inform the Committee accordingly.</p> <p>The report should be prepared by the Forest Department of KPK over the proportion of the tree plantation and tree cutting in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province should be shared with the Committee and also to involve the local MNA from Swat during the inspection of the tree cutting in the area.</p> <p>That the land management plan for Margalla Hills National Park should be formulated and the private land should be brought under a buffer zone to protect the National Park.</p> <p>The Committee also directed the Forest department of Rawalpindi Division to submit a</p>	<p>Compiled</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compiled</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p> <p>Compliance awaited</p>
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	vi) Any other item with permission of the Chair.	detailed report on the tree plantation carried out especially along the adjacent areas of motorways and highways.	
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6. No Sub-Committee was constituted during the said period.

7. On 31st December, 2019 following Bill/matter referred by the Assembly/Hon. Speaker was pending before the Committee.

Sr. No.	Bills/Matters	Referred on
1.	The Global Change Impact Studies Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Govt. Bill)	16-12-2019

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary

Sd/-
(MUNAZAHASSAN)
Chairperson

Islamabad, the 29th December, 2020