

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN



## PERIODICAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2019 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2019

*Presented by*  
**MUNAZA HASSAN,**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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I, the Chairperson of 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 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises of 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

Ms. Razia Sultana

Secretary Committee

### Note:

No changes were made in the composition of Committee.

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

4. The Committee held following meetings:-

#	Date/Venue of Meeting	Attendance of MNAs	Agenda
1.	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2019 at 11:30 a.m in Constitution Room (Second Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad	12 Members including Hon Minister and Hon Chief Whip attended the meeting	i) Election of the Chairperson.
2.	6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room of the Ministry of Climate Change, Local Government Complex, Sector G-5/2, Islamabad	12 Members including Chairman and Hon Minister attended the meeting	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 12-02-2019; ii) Scrutiny of the budgetary proposals of the Ministry relating to the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the financial year 2019-20, as required under rule 201(6) of the rules of procedure and conduct of business in the National Assembly, 2007; iii) Comprehensive briefing of the Ministry and its attached departments. iv) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
3.	19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019 at 02:30 p.m. in Committee Room of the Ministry of Climate Change, Local Government Complex, G-5/2, Islamabad	14 Members including Chairman attended the meeting	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 6-03-2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Comprehensive briefing to the Committee implementation status upon recommendations made in meetings of the same Standing Committee during the year 2017-18; iv) Detailed briefing regarding Glacier areas in Pakistan in which Climate Change melting glaciers rapidly and what steps have been taken by the Government in this regard; v) Melting process continues in winter also is alarming posing risks to lives and livelihoods of the people; and vi) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.
4.	16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room	12 Members including Chairman attended the	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 19-04-2019; ii) Comprehensive report / implementation

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	No. 7 (4 <sup>th</sup> Floor) Parliament House, Islamabad	meeting	<p>status of the previous recommendations of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 and 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2019;</p> <p>iii) Comprehensive report / implementations status of recommendations made in the same Standing Committee for the year 2016;</p> <p>iv) Detailed briefing regarding Multilateral Agreements (MEAs) including UN Framework Convention of on Climate Change (UNFCCC);</p> <p>v) To discuss on the comprehensive report on significant improvement in Sheesham tree growth and seed quality; and</p> <p>vi) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.</p>

5. The performance of the Committee with reference to the said meetings is detailed below:-

#	DATE/AGENDA	RECOMMENDATIONS	REMARKS
1.	<u>12-02-2019</u> Election of the Chairman / Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change	Ms. Munaza Hassan, MNA was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Climate Change	Notified
2.	<u>06-03-2019</u> i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 12-02-2019	i) Confirmed	Confirmed
	ii) Scrutiny of the budgetary proposals of the Ministry relating to the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the financial year 2019-20, as required under rule 201(6) of	ii) The Committee recommended all the projects of the PSDP for next Financial Year 2019-20 and directed to the Ministry of Finance to allocate the requisite funds as demanded by the Ministry of Climate Change in order to complete the said Schemes/Projects in time	Complied

the rules of procedure and conduct of business in the National Assembly, 2007	iii) The Committee directed that the transparency should be ensured in execution of PSDP Projects and to avoid any type of discrepancy in future; and	Compliance awaited
	iv) The Committee further directed that the projects of the Ministry should be completed within the stipulated time under the prescribed rules and procedure;	Compliance awaited
iii) Comprehensive briefing of the Ministry and its attached departments	i) The Committee recommended that the Ministry should formulate a proactive mechanism, take all stringent measures ensure the survival of endangered wildlife species and take all possible measures to prevent illegal hunting of these endangered species	Discussed
	ii) The Committee directed to the Ministry that the details of endangered species of wildlife should be provided for the information of the Honorable Members of the Committee in the next meeting	Complied
	iii) The Committee also directed to the Ministry to brief the Committee regarding implementation status of the recommendations made by the previous Standing Committee in the next Meeting	Discussed
	iv) The Committee further directed to the Ministry to submit the brief to the Secretary Committee well in time for kind perusal of the Members of the Committee in future	Complied
	v) The Committee also directed to the Ministry to ensure provision of information/guidance to public on Environmental issues and certification of laboratories for the purpose of environmental analysis	Complied
	vi) The Committee unanimous recommended that Climate Change should be included in the syllabus of schools as a special subject to educate young generation	Compliance awaited

		vii) The Committee further recommended that the Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP) may also be utilized for Tourism Development purposes; and	Compliance awaited
		viii) The Ministry should develop the short, medium and long term strategies in line with the challenges being faced by the region and provinces.	Discussed
3.	<u>19-04-2019</u>	i) Confirmed;	Confirmed
	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019		
	ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee	ii) Not discussed;	-----
	iii) Comprehensive briefing to the Committee implementation status upon recommendations made in meetings of the same Standing Committee during the year 2017-18	iii) Media campaign and public awareness programs should be initiated to discourage and ban the use of plastic bags;	Complied
		iv) Duty on electric cars should be reduced in order to increase their use and import in Pakistan;	Discussed
		v) Coordination between World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and World Cat Federation (WCF) must be done before submission of report regarding the survey held for Markhor and Murgzar animals.	Discussed
		vi) Reliable data on the number of licenses issued on killing of Markhor and Murgzar animals should be provided to the Committee;	Discussed

		vii) Detailed briefing on the Multilateral Agreements including UN framework convention on climate change (UNFCCC) should also be included in the Agenda of next meeting;	Complied
		viii) Paper Less initiative should be adopted by emailing regarding the Climate Change Committee briefs and Committee Agenda;	Complied
		ix) Report/update should be furnished in the next meeting of the Committee, on incentives given to the Communities of Swat to prevent cutting of trees for household purposes;	Complied
		x) Furnish recent survey being carried out on the quality of Sheesham Trees in the next meeting; and	Compliance awaited
		xi) "Harboi" should also be included in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites.	Compliance awaited
	iv) Detailed briefing regarding Glacier areas in Pakistan in which Climate Change melting glaciers rapidly and what steps have been taken by the Government in this regard. v) Melting process continues in winter also is alarming posing risks to lives and livelihoods of the people	xii) No recommendation was made	-----
4	<u>16-05-2019</u> i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019	i) Confirmed	Confirmed
	ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of recommendations made in the same	ii) Meeting minutes should be shared with the Hon. Members of the Committee through e-mail and hard copies should be provided to those who desire so;	Complied

Standing Committee for the year 2016	iii) Provincial Secretaries/representatives should be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee about the implementation status of recommendations made by the same Committee in its meetings held in year 2016;	Complied
	iv) Record regarding the plantation of trees of special species along highways and other areas across provinces should be shared with the Committee in its next meeting;	Complied
	v) Mechanism should be established among federating units for better coordination and facilitation so that they can benefit from the research work of each other and make preparations for the future accordingly;	Complied
	vi) Scope of the campaign to sensitize farmers and agriculturist with latest farming techniques should be broadened and authentic and timely information should be disseminated to the farmers through media and other channels including a launch of dedicated application;	Complied
	vii) Media campaign and public awareness programs should be initiated to discourage and subsequently banning the use of plastic bags;	Complied
	viii) The Committee recommended developing a proper waste management mechanism so that waste could be reduced, removed or reused in appropriate manner	Complied
	ix) The Committee suggested M/oCC to actively utilize the social media platforms particularly 'Twitter' to disseminate authentic and up to date air quality information with public in a timely manner with a disclaimer that all other readings are not authentic except this reading;	Complied



	x) A visit may be arranged to physically monitor the pollution assessment equipments installed in Pak-EPA office in H-8, Islamabad;	Compliance awaited
	xi) The Committee recommended reinforcing the media platforms of the ministry to actively run the awareness campaign regarding climate change	Complied
	xii) The Committee reiterated to include Herboi in the tentative list of heritage sites;	Complied
	xiii) Efforts should be at all levels to restrict the use of these reservoirs for other purposes in order to protect these natural water rechargers in greater interest of the country;	Compliance awaited
	xiv) Provincial representatives including Sindh Institute of Oceanography as well Sindh based representatives of WWF-Pakistan should be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee about the issue of sea intrusion and degradation of Indus Delta along the coastal areas of Sindh; and	Complied
	xv) Officials from the Ministry of Petroleum should be invited in the next meeting to satisfy the Committee regarding use of low quality fuel in vehicles and de-circularization of diesel to control vehicular emissions;	Compliance awaited
	xvi) Representatives from M/o Maritime Affairs be invited to respond to the issue of missing fishermen due to recent deep sea wind storm.	Complied