

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2020; 35<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice was held today at 02:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA in Committee Room No.7, (04<sup>th</sup> Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad.

2) The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran, then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda.

3) The Committee was briefed about **the rape incident on Lahore-Sialkot Motorway**. The Committee unanimously acknowledged and appreciated the quick arrest of the culprits and rapid response of the Police. The Committee also appreciated the constitution of 25 investigation teams to deal the issue as well as for keeping secret name and address of the victim and her family. It was also observed by the Committee that there are various helplines at various places like the helpline at Motorway is different then, the helpline in any other residential area. Hence, the Committee recommends considering the adoption of universal helpline system by the concerned department to avoid any inconvenience for public at large. It was further recommended by the Committee to consider the establishment of police station at various rest areas of motorways to avoid the issue of territorial jurisdiction among various police stations. It was also recommended by the Committee to consider the proposal for establishment of trauma centers for counselling of such like victims. It was further recommended by the Committee to take necessary steps to enhance participation of female staff in the Police force.

4) The Committee was briefed about the **Police Reforms by Secretary, Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan**, Dr. Syed Ejaz Hussain, D.G National Police Bureau, Mr. Afzal Ali Shigri, Ex-I.G, Dr. Muhammad Shoaib Suddle, Ex, I.G. The Committee unanimously appreciated the presentation. The Committee made various

recommendations for effective implementation and adoption of the police order, 2002 across the Pakistan. It was also recommended by the Committee to strengthen the police force and provide maximum human resource and financial assistance to enhance their effectiveness. The Committee unanimously constituted a Sub-Committee under the Convener'ship of Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, MNA to revisit Code of Criminal Procedure, police reforms and suggest improvements in it.

5) Hon. Members/MNAs/Movers Mr. Atta Ullah, Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, Ms. Shunila Ruth, Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk, Mr. Usman Ibrahim, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Dr. Nafeesa Shah, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Secretary Ministry of law and Justice Commission of Pakistan, representatives from Ministry of Law and Justice and D.G National Police Bureau along with their staff attended the meeting.

  
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Director (L.D)/Secretary Committee