

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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Islamabad, 17th February, 2021; 46th meeting of the **Standing Committee on Law and Justice** was held today under the **Chairmanship of Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA** at 02:00 P.M. in Committee Room No. 7, (4th Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad.

2) The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda. The Committee unanimously confirmed the Minutes of previous meeting held on 28th January, 2021 and deferred the agenda No.2 till its next meeting.

3) The Committee considered, **budgetary proposals of the Ministry of Law and Justice relating to the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the Financial Year 2021-22**. The Committee unanimously approved the PSDP for the financial year 2021-22 with recommendations that the Ministry should constitute a joint housing scheme for all judicial employees without discrimination to which court i.e. Supreme Court of Pakistan, High Court, Federal Shariat Court or District and Session courts they belong. It was also recommended that the Ministry should brief the Committee in any of the next meeting about implementation status of Article 38 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan with special reference to the issue of housing. It was also recommended by the Committee that Ministry should take care of all the private individuals whose land is going to be acquired for the projects in the PSDP. The Ministry should take care of the rights of the owners regarding timely provision of adequate market rate based compensation to them.

4) The Committee considered **"The Registration Act (Amendment) Bill 2021, Moved by Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, MNA"**; after detail deliberation the Committee deferred the same with recommendation that Ministry of Law and Justice shall take up the proposals in the Bill by keeping in view the recommendation of Law reforms Committee and also discuss the proposed amendment with Ministry of Interior within two weeks and brief the Committee about the issue that either object of the Bill can be addressed through rules or there is an amendment required as proposed in the Bill.

5) The Committee considered **“The Specific Relief Act (Amendment) Bill 2021, Moved by Mr. Javed Husnain, MNA;** After detail deliberation the Committee deferred the same with recommendations to Ministry of Law and Justice to re-consider and re-draft the Bill to address the objective of the Hon. Mover. It was also recommended by the Committee that letter on behalf of the Committee shall be written to all provincial governments, Government of G.B and Government of A.J.K recommending there in to use and adopt the law of succession certificate and letter of inheritance as legislative by the Federal Government for expeditious disposal of disputes regarding inheritance.

6) The Committee considered **“The Legal Aid and Justice Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Section 2, 6 & 9A) moved by Ms. Uzma Riaz, MNA;** The Committee deferred the same till its next meeting due to the facts that in the previous meeting the Committee had directed Ministry of Law and Justice to discuss the proposed amendments with Hon. Mover along with representative of Ministry of Human Rights. Because of the facts that as per Ministry of Human Rights the objects as proposed in the Bill has already been covered under the existing law. Hence, the amendment in hand needs not to be processed but the Ministry of Law and Justice remained unable to arrange the said meeting as per direction of the Committee. The Committee showed its serious concerns and dissatisfaction on the performance of the Ministry of Law and Justice with further direction to coordinate with the Hon. Mover and comply with previous recommendation of the Committee within two weeks.

7) Hon. Members/MNAs Mr. Atta Ullah, Mr. Lal Chand, Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, Agha Hassan Baloch, Mr. Junaid Akbar, Ms. Shunila Ruth, Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Syed Hussain Tariq, Dr. Nafeesa Shah, Syed Naveed Qamar, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Mr. Javed Husnain and Ms. Uzma Riaz besides the senior officers from the Ministry of Law and Justice, Ministry of Human Rights and Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives along with their staff attended the meeting.


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