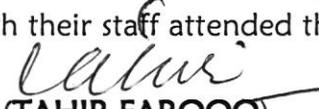


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
PRESS RELEASE

Islamabad, 02nd June, 2021; 50th 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 and deferred the agenda No.2 till its next meeting.
- 3) The Committee considered the agenda, **Comprehensive briefing by Ministry of Law and Justice regarding tenure, election procedure, code of conduct, allocation of seats in Pakistan Bar Council & Provincial Bar Councils.** It was informed by the Ministry that the response of the concerned Bar councils is still awaited hence it is not possible to have a comprehensive briefing on the said agenda. Some of the members also stressed upon the issue that as the Bar Councils are the major stake holders hence it would be appropriate to have their views before proceeding further in the matter. After detailed deliberations the Committee recommended that till the response of the Bar Councils Ministry of Law and Justice shall prepare the proposal for rational distribution of seats among the provincial Bars. Tenure for the elections of the Bar Associations was also considered. The committee recommended for the enhancement of the tenure for the said elections as well as to restrict the election campaign to one month.
- 4) The Committee was briefed by Secretary Ministry of law and Justice **regarding Judicial Reforms, relating to the recruitment of Judges at High Courts, prescribing the procedure and prequalification for their appointment.** Ministry of law briefed the Committee about the existing procedure for appointment of judges in the superior judiciary. The committee recommended to make transparent and strengthen the process of recruitment of judges.
- 5) Hon. Members/MNAs Mr. Atta Ullah, Mr. Lal Chand, Muhammad Farooq Azam MALik, MS. Kishwar Zehra, Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah khan Masti Khel, Mr. Junaid Akbar, Ms. Shunila Ruth, Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk, Mr. Usman Ibraheem, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Syed Hussain Tariq, Dr. Nafeesa Shah, Syed Naveed Qamar, Ms. Aliya Kamran, the Secretary Ministry of Law and Justice, representatives of Ministry of Human Rights and Election Commission of Pakistan, along with their staff attended the meeting.


(TAHIR FAROOQ)

Director (L.D)/Secretary Committee