

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT



THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN RULES, 2012

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PREFACE

In pursuance of provisions of sub-section (3) of section 4 of the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012, the Speaker, National Assembly has been pleased to constitute Parliamentary Committee on appointment of the Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women which comprises fifty percent members from the treasury benches and fifty percent from the opposition parties, based on their strength in Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), as nominated by the respective Parliamentary Leaders.

The Committee was notified on 3rd August, 2012. The Committee consists of twelve members out of which one-third are from the senate.

The Committee in its first meeting held on 5th December, 2012 made these rules for regulating its procedure.

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1. **Short title and commencement.-** (1) These rules may be called the Parliamentary Committee on appointment of the Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women Rules, 2012.

(2) These rules shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.-** (1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **"Act"** means the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012;
- (b) **"Chairman"** means Chairman of the Committee;
- (c) **"Chairperson"** means Chairperson of the National Commission on the Status of Women appointed under section 4 of the Act;
- (d) **"Committee"** means the Parliamentary Committee on appointment of the Chairperson of the National

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Commission on the Status of Women constituted under sub-section (3) of section 4 of the Act;

- (e) **"Member"** means a member of the Committee; and
- (f) **"Secretary"** means the Secretary, National Assembly and includes a person for the time being performing the duties of Secretary National Assembly.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

3. **Powers of the Committee.**— (1) The Committee shall have powers to summon or invite any person or call for any information or record required by it from any person or authority for the purposes of carrying out its functions.

(2) Subject to clause (3) of Article 66 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Committee shall have powers vested in Civil Court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (Act V of 1908) for enforcing the attendance of any person and compelling the production of documents.

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4. **Functions of the Committee.**-(1) Nominations received by the Secretary from the Prime Minister or as the case may be, the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly, shall be placed before the Chairman who shall call a meeting of the Committee on a date, time and place determined by him in consultation with the members of the Committee, to be notified by the Secretary.

(2) The Committee after considering the nominations for an actual or anticipated vacancy of the Chairperson may hear and confirm any nomination by a majority of the members present and voting within fourteen days of the receipt of such nominations.

(3) The Chairman shall forward the name of the nominee confirmed by the Committee to the Prime Minister for appointment within 14 days and such appointment shall be notified in the official gazette.

5. **Legality of the proceedings of the Committee.**- No action or decision taken by the Committee shall be invalid or called in question only on the ground of the existence of a vacancy therein or of the absence of any member from any meeting thereof.

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6. **Chairman of the Committee.-** (1) The Chairman shall be elected by the Committee from amongst its members:

Provided that the election of the Chairman shall be held afresh after each general election to the National Assembly or an election to fill the seats in the Senate on the expiry of the term of half of the total membership of the Senate, as the case may be or whenever the office of Chairman becomes vacant due to any reason;

Provided further that the Secretary in consultation with the Speaker National Assembly shall fix the meeting of the Committee for the election of the Chairman.

(2) If the Chairman of the Committee is not present at any sitting, the Committee shall elect one of its members present to act as Chairman for that sitting.

(3) The Chairman or the person presiding over the sitting shall regulate the proceedings of the Committee.

(4) The Chairman shall, in the event of the equality of votes, have a casting vote.

(5) Secretary, National Assembly shall act as Secretary of the Committee.

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7. **Quorum of a meeting.-** The Quorum to constitute a sitting of the Committee shall be the one fourth of the total membership of the Committee.
8. **Record of the Proceedings.-** The proceedings of the Committee shall be held in camera. However, a record of the proceedings shall be maintained by the Secretary.
9. **Travel.-** A member while attending meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to the TA/DA as admissible to him under the provisions of the Members of the Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 (XXVII 1974).
10. **Amendment of the rules.-** The Committee shall have power to amend any of the provisions of these rules with a majority of the members present and voting.
11. **Residuary Powers.-** All matters for which no provision or no sufficient provision has been made in these rules, shall be regulated in such manner as the Committee may direct.

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**ABSTRACT OF THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS
OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF WOMEN ACT, 2012**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

3. **Establishment of the Commission.-** (1) The Federal Government shall constitute a Commission to be known as the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), to exercise the powers conferred upon, and to perform the functions assigned to it, under this Act.

(2) The Commission shall consist of,-

- (a) a Chairperson, who shall be a woman with experience of working on issues related to women's rights for more than fifteen years, and is committed to the cause of women's empowerment;
 - b) two members from each Province of whom at least one member shall be a woman, one woman member each from Federally Administered Tribal Areas, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, the Islamabad Capital Territory and from minorities;
 - (c) five *ex-officio* members who shall be representatives of the Ministries of Law, Finance, Foreign Affairs and Interior and the Ministry concerned with the subject of women's rights not below BPS-20, and who shall not have the right to vote;
 - (d) Chairperson or a designated member of each Provincial Commission on the Women's rights, set up under provincial laws; and
 - (e) Secretary of the Commission, who shall not have the right to vote.
- (3) A member appointed under paragraph (b) of sub-section (2), shall not be less than thirty years of age, with experience of working on issues related to women's rights and is committed to the cause of women's empowerment.
- (4) The headquarter of the Commission shall be at Islamabad.
- (5) The Commission shall be a body corporate having perpetual succession and a common seal with powers, among others to acquire, hold and dispose of any property and shall sue and be sued by the said name.

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4. **Appointment of Chairperson:-** (1) The Federal Government shall through public notice, invite suggestions for suitable persons for appointment as Chairperson and, after proper scrutiny, shall submit a list of those persons to the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly.

(2) The Prime Minister shall in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly forward three names for Chairperson to a Parliamentary Committee for hearing and confirmation of any one person:

Provided that in case there is no consensus between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, each shall forward separate list to the Parliamentary Committee.

(3) The Parliamentary Committee shall be constituted by the Speaker of the National Assembly and shall comprise fifty per cent members from the treasury benches and fifty per cent from the opposition parties, based on their strength in Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), to be nominated by the respective Parliamentary Leaders:

Provided that the total strength of the Parliamentary Committee shall not exceed twelve members out of which one-third shall be from the Senate.

(4) The Parliamentary Committee shall regulate its own procedure.

(5) The Parliamentary Committee shall forward the name of the nominee confirmed by it to the Prime Minister, who shall appoint the Chairperson accordingly.

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