

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FEDERAL EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, NATIONAL HERITAGE AND CULTURE ON THE MINORITY EDUCATIONAL SEATS BILL, 2021

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture have the honor to present this report on the Bill to provide protection to the interest of minority students, their identity, beliefs, citizenship and their welfare and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto [The Minority Educational Seats Bill, 2021] (Private Member's Bill) referred to the Committee on 8th January, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1.	Mian Najeeb Ud Din Awaisi	Chairman
2.	Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan	Member
3.	Mr. Sadaqat Ali Khan	Member
4.	Ms. Javairia Zafar Aheer	Member
5.	Mr. Umar Aslam Khan	Member
6.	Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik	Member
7.	Ms. Nafeesa Inayatullah Khan Khattak	Member
8.	Ms. Andleeb Abbas	Member
9.	Ms. Ghazala Saifi	Member
10.	Ms. Asma Qadeer	Member
11.	Ms. Tashfeen Safdar	Member
12.	Mrs. Farukh Khan	Member
13.	Ms. Mehnaz Akber Aziz	Member
14.	Ch. Muhammad Hamid Hameed	Member
15.	Ms. Kiran Imran Dar	Member
16.	Ms. Musarrat Asif Khawaja	Member
17.	Mr. Abid Hussain Bhayo	Member
18.	Ms. Mussarat Rafiq Mahesar	Member
19.	Dr. Shazia Sobia Aslam Soomro	Member
20.	Mr. Asmatullah	Member
21.	Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Minister for Federal Education, Professional Training, National Heritage and Culture	Ex-officio Member

3. The Committee considered the Bill as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at **Annexure-'A'**, in its meetings held on 24-01-2020, 11-01-2021 and recommends that the Bill may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-
(MIAN NAJEEB UD DIN AWAISI)
Chairman

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 5th March, 2021

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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Bill

to provide protection to the interest of minority students, their identity, beliefs, citizenship and their welfare and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto;

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of religious minorities and for promotion of social justice;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title, extent and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Minority Educational Seats Act, 2021.

(2) It extends to the Islamabad Capital Territory.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions.-In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

(a) "Act" means the Minority Educational Seats Act, 2019;

(b) "affiliated college" means an educational institution affiliated to the University but not maintained or administered by it;

(c) "college" means a constituent college or an affiliated college;

(d) "constituent college" means an educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the University;

(e) "constituent school" means an educational institution, by whatever name described, maintained and administered by the Federal Government under any law;

(f) "institution" means institution that provides education as its main purpose, such as a school, college, constituent college, university or training centre;

(g) "minority" for the purpose of this Act means a community notified as such by the Federal Government;

(h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act; and

(i) "University" means any of the degree-awarding institutions listed in the Schedule to the Federal Universities Ordinance, 2002 (CXX of 2002).

3. Allocation of additional seats for minorities.- The Federal Government shall allocate five percent additional seats for admissions of the sanctioned strength in the institution for the students belonging to minority communities within six months after the commencement of this Act.

4. **Liability of institution.**-The institution in the Islamabad Capital Territory shall be liable to ensure allocation of five percent seats of the sanctioned strength to the students for the minority communities.

5. **Responsibility of Higher Education Commission.**- Higher Education Commission shall be responsible for the implementation of the Act.

6. **Penalties.**- (1) Whoever does or attempts to do, any act in contravention of this Act, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to five hundred thousand rupees.

(2) Whoever is again convicted thereunder shall, on every subsequent conviction, be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to six month, or with fine which may extend to one million rupees, or with both.

7. **Act not in derogation.**- The provisions of this Act shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other law for the time being in force.

8. **Power to make rules.**- The Federal Government may, by a notification in the official Gazette, make rules to carry out the purpose of this Act.

9. **Cognizance of offence.**- No Court inferior to a court of Magistrate of the first class shall try offence against this Act.

STATEMENTS OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

It is the responsibility of the state to protect the rights of the minorities envisaged under the Islamic principles and under Articles 36 and 37 of the Constitution of Pakistan. Special education seats under the law will elevate the status of the minorities in Pakistan and will spread a positive message to the International community. It is the duty of the state under Articles 36 and 37 of the Constitution to ensure the minority interests and their due representation. Seats for minorities will provide bright future of the religious minorities. It is also International obligation to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of religious minorities and promote social justice.

Sd/-

MR. JAMES IQBAL
Member, National Assembly

قومی اسمبلی سیکرٹریٹ

اقلیتوں کے لئے تعلیمی نشستیں بل، ۲۰۲۱ء پر قائمہ کمیٹی برائے وفاقی تعلیم، پیشہ وارانہ تربیت، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت کی رپورٹ۔

میں، چیئرمین قائمہ کمیٹی برائے وفاقی تعلیم، پیشہ وارانہ تربیت، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت، ۸ جنوری، ۲۰۲۰ء کو کمیٹی کے سپرد کردہ اقلیتی طلباء کے مفادات، ان کی شناخت، عقائد، شہریت اور بہبود کے تحفظ اور اس سے منسلک اور اس کے ضمنی معاملات کے لئے احکام وضع کرنے کے بل [اقلیتوں کے لئے تعلیمی نشستیں بل، ۲۰۲۱ء] (نئی رکن کابل) پر رپورٹ ہذا پیش کرنے کا شرف حاصل کرتا ہوں۔

۲۔ کمیٹی حسب ذیل اراکین پر مشتمل ہے:-

چیئرمین	۱۔ میاں نجیب الدین اویسی
رکن	۲۔ جناب علی نواز اعوان
رکن	۳۔ جناب صداقت علی خان
رکن	۴۔ محترمہ جویریہ ظفر آہیر
رکن	۵۔ جناب عمر اسلم خان
رکن	۶۔ جناب محمد فاروق اعظم ملک
رکن	۷۔ محترمہ نفیسہ عنایت اللہ خان ٹٹک
رکن	۸۔ محترمہ عندلیب عباس
رکن	۹۔ محترمہ غزالہ سیفی
رکن	۱۰۔ محترمہ اسماء قدیر
رکن	۱۱۔ محترمہ تاشفین صدر
رکن	۱۲۔ بیگم فرخ خان
رکن	۱۳۔ محترمہ مہناز اکبر عزیز
رکن	۱۴۔ چوہدری محمد حامد حمید
رکن	۱۵۔ محترمہ کرن عمران ڈار
رکن	۱۶۔ محترمہ مسرت آصف خواجہ
رکن	۱۷۔ جناب عابد حسین بھائیو
رکن	۱۸۔ محترمہ مسرت رفیق ہیسیر
رکن	۱۹۔ ڈاکٹر شازیہ ثوبیہ اسلم سومرو
رکن	۲۰۔ جناب عصمت اللہ
رکن بالحاظ عہدہ	۲۱۔ جناب شفقت محمود،

وزیر برائے وفاقی تعلیم، پیشہ وارانہ تربیت، قومی ورثہ و ثقافت

۳۔ کمیٹی نے ۲۳ جنوری، ۲۰۲۰ء اور ۱۱ جنوری، ۲۰۲۱ء کو منعقدہ اپنے اجلاسوں میں مسئلہ ”الف“ کے طور پر قومی اسمبلی میں پیش کردہ بل پر غور کیا اور سفارش کرتی ہے کہ قومی اسمبلی بل کی منظوری دے۔

دستخط۔

(طاہر حسین)

سیکرٹری

اسلام آباد، ۵ مارچ، ۲۰۲۱ء

دستخط۔

(میاں نجیب الدین اویسی)

چیئر مین