

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN



**PERIODICAL REPORT OF**  
**THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND INTER-  
FAITH HARMONY**  
**FOR THE PERIOD FROM**  
**1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

**Presented by**  
**Mr. Asad Mahmood**  
**Chairman**

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony have the honor to present the Periodical Report of the Committee under rule 234-A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1.	<b>Mr. Asad Mahmood</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Mr. Saleem Rehman	Member
3.	Sahibzada Sibghatullah	Member
4.	Mr. Muhammad Bashir Khan	Member
5.	Prince Muhammad Nawaz Allai	Member
6.	Mr. Mujahid Ali	Member
7.	Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Khan	Member
8.	Raja Riaz Ahmad	Member
9.	Ch. Javed Iqbal Warraich	Member
10.	Mr. Jamshed Thomas	Member
11.	Ms. Saira Bano	Member
12.	Ms. Shunila Ruth	Member
13.	Choudhary Faqir Ahmad	Member
14.	Begum Tahira Bokhari	Member
15.	Syed Imran Ahmad Shah	Member
16.	Mr. Kesoo Mal Kheal Das	Member
17.	Mahar Irshad Ahmad Khan	Member
18.	Pir Syed Fazal Ali Shah Jillani	Member
19.	Ms. Shagufta Jumani	Member
20.	Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali	Member
21.	Mr. Noor-ul-Haq Qadri	Ex-officio Member
	Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony	
	Ch. Mukhtar Ahmed	Secretary Committee

**Note:** No change was made in the composition of the Committee during the said period.

3. On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020, the following Bills / matters referred by the National Assembly / Honourable Speaker were pending before the Committee.

S. NO.	BILL	REFERRED ON
1.	The Protection of Persons against Forced Religious Conversion Bill, 2019 (Private Member Bill moved by Mr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, MNA)	08-05-2019
2.	Matter Referred to the concerned Standing Committee under rule 199 of the rules of procedure and conduct of the business in the National Assembly, 2007 (Moved by Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema, Minister For Housing and Works)	06-01-2020
3.	"The Protection of Communal Properties of Minorities (Amendment), Act, 2020" moved by Pir Noor-ul-Haq Qadri, Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony,	13-01-2020
4.	Reference to inquire into the conduct of the Minister of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, under rule 199 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly 2007, in auctioning of Ramna building, Islamabad. (Moved by Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, MNA)	13-02-2020
5.	Calling Attention Notice No. 12 moved by Chaudhary Muhammad Barjees Tahir, MNA in the House on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 regarding deletion of oath of finality of Prophethood of last Prophet Syeduna Hazrat Muhammad ur Rasool Ullah (خاتم النبيين سيدنا محمد رسول الله صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) from hajj forms 2020. (Moved by Chaudhary Muhammad Barjees Tahir, MNA)	09-03-2020
6.	Conservation of all laws / rules / statutes / forms / statutory documents in respect of Khatm-e-Nabuwat and further proposals regarding strengthening the safety mechanism for conservation of all laws / rules / statutes / forms / statutory documents. (Moved by Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, MNA)	09-03-2020

4. The Committee held following meetings:-

S. NO.	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF MEETING	ATTENDANCE OF MNAs	AGENDA
1.	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith	18 Members including Chairman, Parliamentary Secretary and the	i. Recitation from the Holy Quran; ii. Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 28-02-2020; iii. Discussion on the policy of the Government for Zeyarat (زيارات) in

	Harmony, Kohsar Block, Pak-Secretariat, Islamabad.	Mover attended the meeting.	<p>order to facilitate the Zaireen (زائرین);</p> <p>iv. Examination of the Bill titled "The Protection of Persons Against Forced Religious Conversion Bill" (moved by Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, MNA); and</p> <p>v. Any other item with permission of the chair.</p>
2.	11 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, Kohsar Block, Pak-Secretariat, Islamabad.	20 Members including Chairman, Minister and the Mover attended the meeting.	<p>i. Recitation from the Holy Quran;</p> <p>ii. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28-07-2020;</p> <p>iii. Consideration of Compliance Report(s) on the recommendations of the Committee;</p> <p>iv. Follow up of the recommendation of the Committee on the "Resolution condemning the printing of blasphemous literature by international and private sector" (moved by Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema, Minister for Housing and Works, in the august House on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020);</p> <p>v. Consideration of Calling Attention Notice No. 12 (moved by Honourable Chaudhary Muhammad Barjees Tahir, MNA) regarding deletion of oath of finality of Prophethood of last Prophet Syeduna Muhammad-ur-Rasoolullah (خاتم النبیین سیدنا محمد رسول اللہ صلی اللہ علیہ وآلہ وسلم) from Hajj forms 2020-21;</p> <p>vi. Discussion on conservation of all laws / rules / statutes / forms / statutory documents in respect of Khatm-e-Nabuwat (ختم نبوت) and further proposals regarding strengthening the safety mechanism for conservation of all laws / rules / statutes / forms / statutory documents (moved by Honourable Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, MNA);</p> <p>vii. Consideration of the issues regarding the Evacuee Trust Properties; and</p> <p>viii. Any other item with permission of the chair.</p>