



**THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE
FOR THE
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE
ON
CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC
CORRIDOR, 2015**

CPEC

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

PREFACE

In pursuance of motions adopted by the National Assembly on 24th June, 2015 and the Senate on 10th July, 2015, the hon'ble Acting Speaker, in consultation with the hon'ble Chairman, Senate and Leaders of the Parliamentary Parties, constituted Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), having representation from the Treasury and the Opposition from both Houses of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament). The Committee was notified on 8th September, 2015. The Committee consists of 22 members, including Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms as ex-officio Member, out of which seven are from the Senate.

The Committee in its second meeting held on 8th October, 2015 made these Rules for regulating its procedure.

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THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON CHINA-PAKISTAN ECONOMIC CORRIDOR

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) These rules may be called the Rules of Procedure for the Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, 2015.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**— (1) In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,-

“Assembly” means the National Assembly of Pakistan;

“Chairman” means the Chairman elected under these rules or any member presiding at a meeting under rule 10;

“Committee” means the Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) constituted in pursuance of Motions adopted by National Assembly on 24th June, 2015 and the Senate on 10th July, 2015;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;

“Gazette” means the Gazette of Pakistan;

“Member” means a member of the Committee;

“Secretary” means the Secretary of the National Assembly and includes any person for the time being performing duties of the Secretary to the Committee;

“Senate” means the Senate of Pakistan;

“Meeting” means a meeting of the Committee;

"Speaker" means the Speaker of the National Assembly; and

"Sub-Committee" means a Sub-Committee constituted by the Committee for such purpose as it may deem fit under sub rule (5) of rule 16.

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these rules shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the meaning assigned to them in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007.

3. **Composition.-** (1) The Committee shall consist of such members as have been notified in the National Assembly Secretariat's Notification No.12(2)/2015-Com.I dated 8th September, 2015 and as may be amended by the Speaker from time to time.

(2) The Chairman of the Committee will be elected by the members at its first meeting.

4. **Functions of the Committee.-** The Committee-

(a) will perform function of oversight of CPEC projects to ensure implementation of consensus reached at the All Parties Conference (APC) meeting held on 28th May, 2015;

(b) will monitor the implementation of the projects and make recommendations for speedy and timely implementation of the projects;

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(c) may make suggestions for improvements that may result in cost and time reduction as well as provision of better services to the public; and

(d) will endeavor to promote consensus and support for CPEC in the Federation.

5. Quorum of a meeting.- The quorum to constitute a meeting of the Committee shall be one-fourth of the total membership of the Committee.

6. Resignation of member from the Committee.- A member may resign from membership of the Committee by writing under his hand addressed to the Speaker with a copy thereof to the Chairman.

7. Changes in the Composition of the Committee.- The Speaker may make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when the occasion may arise.

8. Adjournment, etc., of the Committee.- (1) If, at the time fixed for any meeting of the Committee or at any time during any such meeting, the number of members present is less than the quorum, the Chairman shall either suspend the meeting for a time not exceeding one hour or adjourn the meeting for the next day.

(2) After suspension of the meeting for an hour, if the quorum is not complete, the meeting shall be adjourned for the next day.

9. Discharge of member absent from meeting of the Committee.- If a member is absent from three or more consecutive meetings of the Committee without the permission of the Chairman, the Speaker on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee may discharge such member from the Committee and

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notify the replacement in consultation with the Leader of the Parliamentary Party concerned.

10. Absence of the Chairman.- If the Chairman is not present at any meeting, the Committee shall choose one of its members present to act as Chairman for that meeting.

11. Voting in Committee.- All decisions at a meeting of the Committee shall be taken by a majority of the total membership of the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee shall in the event of the equality of votes, have a casting vote.

12. Meeting of Committee.- (1) The Committee shall meet on such day and at such hour as the Chairman may, in consultation with the Secretary, fix.

(2) The meeting of the Committee shall ordinarily be held within the precincts of the National Assembly or the Senate.

(3) Subject to sub-rule (1), on a requisition made by not less than one-fourth of the total membership of the Committee, the Chairman shall convene a meeting within five days from the date of requisition.

(4) If a meeting is not convened as required under sub-rule (3), then the Speaker shall order to convene a meeting within the next three days.

13. Agenda and notices of meetings of the Committee.- (1) The agenda for each meeting of the Committee shall be determined by the Chairman.

(2) Notices of all meetings of the Committee shall be communicated to its members and to the Attorney General for Pakistan and the officials concerned, not less than two days before the date of the meeting.

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14. **Meetings in camera.**- The meetings of the Committee shall be held in camera unless otherwise decided by the Committee.

15. **Information to be kept secret.**- Any information tendered before the Committee shall be treated as secret unless the Committee, in the public interest, decides otherwise.

16. **Power to call for papers, records or documents.**-

(1) For the discharge of its functions, the Committee shall have the power to require the attendance of such persons or the production of such documents as it may deem necessary.

(2) Subject to provisions of this rule, a witness summoned by an order signed by the Secretary shall appear before the Committee and produce such documents as are required by the Committee.

(3) The Committee may invite or summon or allow any member of the Parliament to appear before the Committee, having a special interest in any matter under its consideration and may hear expert views and hold public hearings, if necessary.

(4) The Committee may invite experts, civil society organizations, or any other person as may be decided by the Committee in the matters relating to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

(5) The Committee may constitute sub-committee in furtherance of its objectives and in doing so, may define the functions and time frame of such sub-committee and delegate such powers to the sub-committee as it may deem fit.

17. **Recording of proceedings of the Committee.**- A summary of the record of the proceedings of the Committee shall be maintained by the Secretary.

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18. **Report of Committee.**- (1) The Committee will present its periodical reports to both Houses of the Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).

- (2) The Report may be either interim or final.
- (3) The Report shall,-
- (a) incorporate the views, if any, of the Committee members and experts;
 - (b) set forth the recommendations of the Committee together with list of participants, and note of dissent, if any; and
 - (c) be signed by the Chairman.
- (4) The Secretary shall cause a copy of the report of the Committee together with note of dissent, if any, to be made available for the use of every member of the National Assembly and the Senate.

19. **Presentation of Report.**- The Report of the Committee required to be presented under these rules, shall be presented by the Chairman or, by any other member authorized by the Chairman in this behalf.

20. **Procedure of the Assembly to apply.**- In all matters not specifically provided for in these rules, the procedure of the Assembly shall apply with such modifications and variations as may be necessary.

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