



# Newsletter

## Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs

### Government of Pakistan

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## MESSAGE FROM FEDERAL MINISTER, MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS



*I am pleased to announce the launch of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs' 'Quarterly Newsletter', a new initiative designed to provide clear and timely updates on the Ministry's ongoing activities. This publication will serve as a valuable resource, offering an overview of our work, achievement, and future strategic goals.*

*The Quarterly Newsletter will encompass a wide range of topics, including important legislative updates and notable achievements that highlight the Government's commitment to excellence. It is our aim to ensure that this newsletter becomes a go-to source for anyone interested in understanding the intricate workings of Parliamentary matters and for staying informed about the progress we are making in various areas.*

*I commend my team for their dedication in bringing this initiative to fruition, and I am confident that it will significantly contribute in pursuit of excellence, transparency, and accountability.*

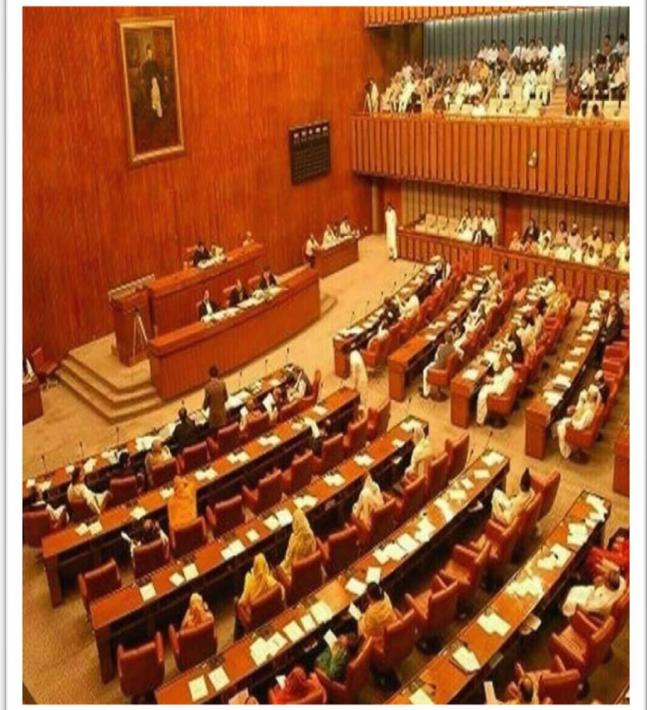
*Azam Nazeer Tarar*

## FROM SECRETARY'S DESK

*The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs plays a crucial role for effective coordination between the legislature and the executive branches of the government. Its responsibilities include overseeing the legislative process from start to finish. This involves organizing parliamentary sessions, managing the introduction and detailed examination of Bills by Standing Committees, and ensuring that passed Bills receive the President's assent to become law. Additionally, the Prime Minister's Public Affairs and Grievances Wing (PM's PA & GW) within the Ministry is dedicated to addressing public complaints. The Wing is striving to promote an inclusive environment where every individual feels heard, respected, and valued. All public complaints are rigorously followed up till logical conclusion and satisfaction of the citizens.*

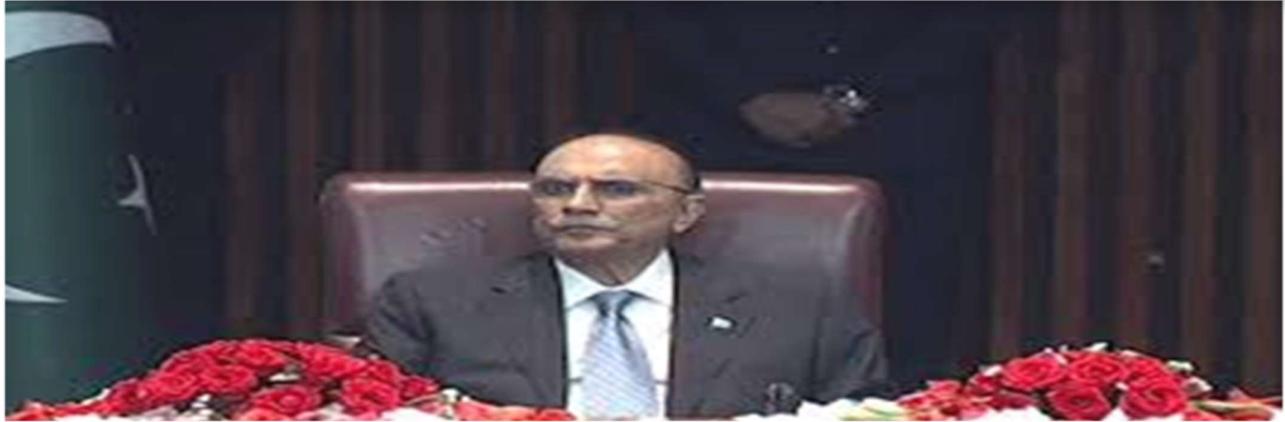
*Publication of quarterly newsletter is a new initiative and it covers main activities of the Ministry held during the last three months. The current volume of the newsletter covers major activities carried out by this Ministry.*

*Humaira Ahmed*



# PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION

18<sup>th</sup> April, 2024



## SALIENTS OF THE ADDRESS

- *Gratitude was expressed to Parliamentarians for reelecting the President and the need for overcoming political polarization was emphasized.*
- *The importance of using the powers delegated to Parliament wisely was highlighted.*
- *A call was made for a new beginning by focusing on public needs, inclusive growth, and moving away from zero-sum thinking.*
- *The need for dialogue and parliamentary consensus in addressing national challenges and implementing reforms was stressed.*
- *Economic reforms, improved education and healthcare, and increased support for marginalized communities, including women, were prioritized.*
- *Commitment to regional peace, counter-terrorism, and strengthening international partnerships was reaffirmed, with support for Kashmiri and Palestinian rights.*

## ANNUAL BUDGET SESSION, 2024-2025



On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, the Finance Minister Mr. Muhammad Aurangzeb presented the Annual Federal Budget 2024-25 in the National Assembly and the Senate. The Budget Session was convened on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and was prorogued on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. A total of 13 sittings were held during the session for 69 hours and 38 minutes, with an average time of 5 hours and 21 minutes per sitting. The house discussed proposals from 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 and demands for grants from 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



### **APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET**

The Budget (Finance Bill, 2024) was passed on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and received assent by the President on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.



# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



Bills Introduced	Bills Passed	Ordinances	Acts of the Parliament	Reports Laid	Resolution Passed	NA Session held	Days completed
03	07	05	10	06	05	06	35

Important legislative business held in the National Assembly from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 is: -

- i. The Publication of Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing & Recording Errors) (Amendment) Act, 2024
- ii. The Toshakhana (Management and Regulation) Act, 2024
- iii. The Tax Laws (Amendment) Act, 2024.
- iv. The Finance Bill, 2024
- v. The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024
- vi. The Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024
- vii. The National Accountability (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024



# SENATE

## Election of Chairman Senate

Session of the Upper House of Parliament to administer oaths to the newly elected senators, as well as to elect the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the House was held on 09<sup>th</sup> April, 2024. 41 newly elected Senators took oath. Mr. Yousaf Raza Gilani was elected Chairman Senate, unopposed.



## Election of Deputy Chairman Senate

On 09<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, after the election of Chairman, the process of election of Deputy Chairman Senate was started. Mr. Syedaal Khan was elected unopposed as Deputy Chairman Senate. The Chairman Senate administered oath to the Deputy Chairman.



# SENATE

From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, four sessions of the Senate were convened for 24 working days. 03 reports on financial matters were laid before the Senate and 04 Bills were passed during said quarter. The summary of the legislative business in the senate during these 03 months is summarized below:

Bills Introduced	04
Bills Passed	04
Report Laid	03
Senate Session	04
Days Completed	24

## Government Bills introduced in the Senate from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 were: -

- 1) The Election (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- 2) The Motion Picture (Amendment) Bill, 2023.
- 3) The Establishment of Special Court (Overseas Pakistanis Property) Bill, 2023.
- 4) The State-Owned Enterprises (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024.

## The Senate passed following bills from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2024: -

- 1) The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- 2) The Pakistan Postal Services Management Board (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- 3) The National Highway Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- 4) The Pakistan National Shipping Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2024.



## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENATRY AFFAIRS



A Meeting of National Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs was held on 27-06-2024 to consider "The Election (Amendment) Bill, 2024" (Ordinance No. V of 2024). The Ordinance was laid in the National Assembly on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 (as a Bill) in terms of Clause 2 of Article 89 of the Constitution and stands referred to the National Assembly Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs. The Committee conveyed its recommendation to the National Assembly.



## NEW INITIATIVES

1. In order to ensure prompt response to the Parliamentary business set forth in the Orders of the Day of the National Assembly and Senate, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs created a WhatsApp Group comprising all the Federal Secretaries, wherein Orders of the Day of both the Houses are uploaded immediately after being issued by the National Assembly Secretariat and the Senate Secretariat.
2. Approved tentative annual calendars for sessions of both National Assembly and Senate of Pakistan have been circulated and all Ministries/ Divisions have been sensitized to undertake review of the official and non-official business intended to be brought before the Parliament as required in terms of rule 32 (1) and 6 of the Rules of Business, 1973.
3. Publication of 'Quarterly Newsletter' has been started to provide clear and timely updates on the Ministry's ongoing activities. This publication will serve as a valuable resource, offering an overview of Ministry's work, achievements, and future strategic goals. The Quarterly Newsletter will encompass wide range of topics, including important legislative updates and notable achievements that highlight the Government's commitment to excellence.



### National Assembly Hall



### Senate Hall



## Parliament Building

