

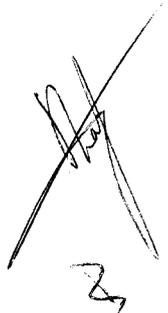
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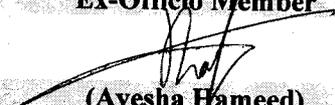
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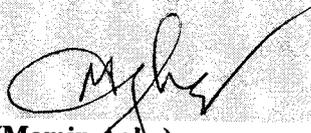

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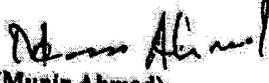
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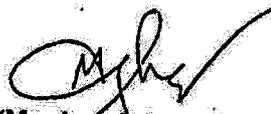
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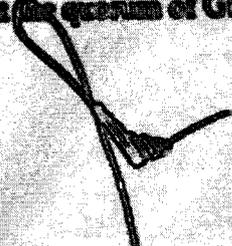
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5	Ms. Shama Niswat, Director General (Industries), Govt of KPK, Peshawar	Ex-Officio Member
6	Mr. Farooq Ahmad, Director (Industries & Commerce), Govt of Sindh Karachi	Ex-Officio Member
7	Mr. Muhammad Farooq, Director General (Industries & Commerce), Balochistan	Ex-Officio Member
8	Mr. Shahid Ali, Director (Industries & Labour & Commerce) Govt of Gilgit Baltistan	Ex-Officio Member

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING:

3. The meeting began with recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all the members of GB and asked for their introduction to the chair. The Chair confirmed that the quorum of GB was complete.



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4. Following agenda was taken up for consideration of GO:-

Agenda 01 | To highlight the anomalies in decision taken by 73rd meeting of Governing Body of PITAC held on 09-08-2023 regarding the presentation and decision taken on promotion of Mr. Muhammad Irfan, Director, PITAC, Lahore.

5. The Chair asked the Joint Secretary (PSD) to brief the Governing Body on the issues raised in relation to the decision taken in the previous GO meeting held on 09-08-2023. The JS (PSD) stated that 73rd GO meeting was held without authorization. Two members of GB who attended previous meeting viz. Mr. Ayaz Haque, IAS (IPWD), Punjab as Chairperson of the GO and Mr. Feroz Ahmed, Assistant (Industry), Smith informed on 11-08-2023 that they attended GO meeting wherein the participants were not presented the actual situation/rules of PITAC in case of promotion of Mr. Irfan Jarral, Director (ORW) of PITAC. He himself managed to brief the participants about the rules benefiting him and kept the participants oblivious of the actual situation/ rules pertaining to the said promotion case. Hence, both the members withdrew their consent on the decision regarding promotion of Mr. Irfan Jarral, Director, PITAC. They had requested that the decision taken in previous meeting may be considered as withdrawn and to convene another meeting of Governing Body of PITAC, if deemed necessary. On the query of the Chair regarding the attendance of GB members, JS(PSD) apprised that all members were present in this meeting who attended previous meeting except Sheikh Mubeen Ashraf, Private Member of GB, who when contacted showed his unavailability.

6. The Chair asked to brief on the ruling fiscal position to the Governing Body. JS(PSD) highlighted the following anomalies regarding the governing body meeting and its recommendations for promotion of Mr. Irfan, Director, PITAC:-

1) As per MoA&P's Notification No. 26/2016-PSII dated 21-07-2014, Chairman of the Governing Body of PITAC is Additional Secretary-I of MoA&P Punjab and Additional Secretary has the delegated authority of the Secretary, Ministry of

Industries and Production (MOI&P). No meeting of GB can be convened without permission of the Chair who represents Mol&P.

- ii) As per para-1 (iii-b) of Establishment Division's O.M No. 6/4/96-R.3 dated 10th May, 1997 dealing with appointment procedure in autonomous, semi-autonomous bodies under the Federal Government of Pakistan, in case of appointments carrying a minimum pay scale equal to BPS-20 and above, Selection Broad headed by the Secretary of the Ministry/Division concerned consider and recommend a panel of three names for each vacancy and approving authority is Minister Incharge.
- iii) Mr. Muhammed Irfan, Director (O&W) himself issued notice for calling meeting of Governing Body and prepared his own case of promotion for the post of Director General, PITAC which is a violation of Section-17 of Secretariat's Instructions as no officer can deal with the case relating to his own promotion/transfer/pay and allowances or with case dealing with his own official conduct.
- iv) Engr. Muhammed Irfan, Director (Operations & Works) was assigned current charge of the post of Director General for a period of three months w.s.f. 27-04-2023, which expired on 26-07-2023. Mr. Irfan issued notice of the meeting of GB on 25-07-2023 a day before expiry of his current charge without seeking prior permission from Ministry of Industries & Production. (Mol&P did not grant any extension in his current charge).
- v) MOI&P directed him to take prior permission/approval of Mol&P of agenda items and to call GB through its letter. He misguided the Governing Body on the entire background of the issue as the conduct of GB is the mandate of AS-I /Chairman GB.
- vi) The case was presented by a person who was not competent to present anything to the Governing Body. Only Director General PITAC, Member/Secretary Governing Body can present anything to GB with prior permission of Chairman/Additional Secretary-I, MOI&P, a senior officer representing MolP on the GB. This renders all decisions in the meeting of GB held on 05-08-2023 null

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- and void as the whole case was presented by un-authorized person in un-authorized way.
- vii) All the certificates presented to GB regarding major/minor penalties and inquiries were prepared by Assistant Director (P&A), PITAC, nothing was got confirmed from Mol&P.
 - viii) The Performance Evaluation Reports (PERs) /quantification of PERs at Annex-IX of Working Paper were unsigned from any forum. Moreover, all PERs of BS-19 and above officers of PITAC are to be signed or countersigned by Mol&P.
 - ix) There were no clearance reports from intelligence agency (new system of Special Vetting Agency i.e SVA is in place since 2022). Further, no record of Declaration of Assets was with documents presented to GB.
 - x) Notification for promotion in BS-20 requires final approval of the Prime Minister and notification is issued from higher forum and none of the forum had been activated in this case.

Discussion:-

7. During discussion, members informed that they were not presented the factual rule position regarding promotion in BS-20 and there were numerous anomalies in decision taken on 05-08-2023 and hence there was a need to undo decision of 72nd GB meeting. The Chair also invited Mr. Irfan Jarral to explain his position in the instant case. He was heard in detail by the member of GB. He explained that he had kept Ministry in loop and Chief Finance & Accounts Officer (CF&AO), Mol&P was there in the meeting of the GB. However, he had no reply regarding the letter sent by the Ministry through email to PITAC Admin asking him to take approval from Ministry before convening GB meeting. CF&AO provided rebuttal in writing that he had not given his consent in GB meeting in case of promotion of Mr. Irfan Jarral. CF&AO was not part of GB and was a special invitee of PITAC admin to provide guidance only on financial matters. Further, letter written to invite CF&AO to attend GB meeting was mala fide as written on behalf of DG, PITAC on 2nd August (charge of DG, PITAC expired dated 26.07.23). It again showed that Mr. Irfan tried to misguide GB in its present meeting.

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8. Further, he had no reply as to why he kept on holding OB meeting in spite of the fact his current charge given to him had expired on 26-07-2023, vide MoI&P's letter No. 2(3)/2008-ES-II dated 27-04-2023. The Chair showed displeasure on the wrong action taken by Mr. Irfan Jarral, Director PITAC. Thereafter, he was asked to leave as OB had to take decisions. Further, it was intimated that new service rules PITAC has been formulated with approval of Establishment Division, Finance Division and Law Division.

Decisions:

- i) All the decision taken in 72nd OB meeting held on 05-08-2023 including promotion case of Mr. Irfan Jarral is withdrawn and is rendered void ab initio.
- ii) Confirmation of charge of the post DG, PITAC to Mr. Nadeem Akram, Joint Secretary (LED), MoI&P for 15 days which can be extended for another period of 15 days or till the posting/appointment of incumbent by Ministry.
- iii) New Service Rules of PITAC may be notified as soon as possible.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chairperson.

(Musir Ahmed) Senior Joint Secretary (Exp), Finance Division, Ex-Officio Member	(Nadeem Akram) Director General, PITAC Ex-Officio Member
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(Ayesha Hameed) Director General (Industries, Prices, Weight & Measures) Govt of Punjab, Lahore Ex-Officio Member	(Shama Nisamat) Director General (Industries) Govt of KPK, Peshawar Ex-Officio Member
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(Shahid Ali) Director (Industries & Labour & Commerce) Govt of Gilgit Baluchistan Ex-Officio Member	(Farooq Ahmed) Director (Industries & Commerce) Govt of Sindh Karachi Ex-Officio Member
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Muhammad Farooq) Director General (Industries & Commerce) Baluchistan Ex-Officio Member	
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(Momin Agha)
Additional Secretary (Incharge)
MoI&P
Chairman