

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

ON

“THE POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017”

REPORT NO.1 OF 2017

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS ON THE BILL TITLED "THE POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017" REFERRED BY THE HOUSE TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS IN ITS SITTING HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 2017.

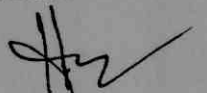
I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Communications have the honour to present a report of the Committee on the Bill titled "The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017" referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Communications in its sitting held on 9th June, 2017.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat is as under:-

1.	Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate	Chairman
2.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
3.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar	Member
5.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
6.	Senator Molana Abdul ghafoor Haideri	Member
7.	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
8.	Senator Agha shahbaz Khan Durrani	Member
9.	Senator Islamuddin sheikh	Member
10.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
11.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
12.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
13.	Minister In-charge for Communications	Ex-officio Member

3. The following Members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

i)	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
ii)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
iii)	Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani	Member

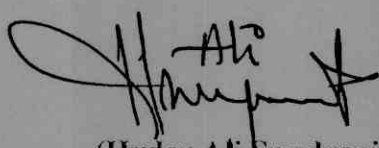


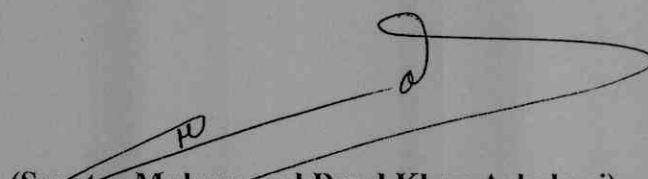
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| iv) Senator Kamil Ali Agha | Member |
| v) Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai | Member |

4. The Committee considered and discussed the Bill in detail in its meeting held on 16th June, 2017. The Committee was briefed on the salient features of amendment in the Post Office Act 1898. It was informed that proposed amendments in Section 45 and in proviso to Section 45 of Post Office Act, 1898 were drafted in view to address the genuine problem and to facilitate the customers, the customers are facing serious difficulties / inconvenience. Under existing provisions the maximum denomination value of Postal Order is up-to Rs.50, and the maximum limit was last revised in 1973 from Rs.10 to Rs.50 which does not cater to the requirements of the present day users. It was further briefed that the said amendment has been proposed thereby to remove the barrier of maximum limit of Rs.50 and to issue Postal orders of appropriate denominations as per requirements of the customers.

4. After discussion and deliberation, the Committee recommends that the Bill titled "The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017" may be passed by the House as introduced in the Senate.

5. The Bill as introduced in the Senate is placed at Annexure-A.


 (Hyder Ali Sundrani)
 DS/Acting Secretary Committee


 (Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai)
 Chairman
 Standing Committee on Communications

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL

further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 (VI of 1898), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act may be called the Post Office (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 45, Act VI of 1898.- In the Post Office Act, 1898 (VI of 1898), in section 45, the following amendments shall be made, namely:-

- (a) after the word "form", the words "and of such amount" shall be inserted;
- (b) for the semicolon at the end, a full stop shall be substituted; and
- (c) the proviso shall be omitted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill seeks to achieve the object to provide for the issuance of postal orders having their value more than fifty rupees for the use and benefit of general public.

MINISTER-IN-CHARGE