

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



House of the Federation

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

ON

**"THE NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017
MOVED BY SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHEIKH ON 21ST
AUGUST, 2017**

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI

CHAIRMAN (COMMITTEE)

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Chairman Standing Committee on Climate Change, have the honour to present the report on "The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017 moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh on 21st August, 2017 referred by Chairman Senate to the Committee for consideration and report thereof.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given as under:-

1	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Chairman
2	Senator Raja Muhammad ZafarulHaq	Member
3	Senator Ms. Sitara Ayaz	Member
4	Senator Dr. Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
5	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
6	Senator Mst. Gul Bashra	Member
7	Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
8	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
9	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
10	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
11	Senator Ms. Samina Saeed	Member
12	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
13	Minister for Climate Change	Ex-Officio Member

3. The matter was taken up in the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 30th October, 2017 and was referred to the Sub-Committee.

1.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Convener
2.	Senator Ms. Sitara Ayaz	Member
3.	Senator Ms. Samina Saeed.	Member

4. The Sub-Committee submitted its report on 22 November, 2017 due to non-availability of the mover the report was deferred. The report was subsequently presented before the committee on 27th February, 2018 and was unanimously adopted. NDMA support the amendments

5. The Committee disposed of the matter on 27th February, 2018 and allowed to submit the report to the House. The Following members of the Committee attended the meeting.

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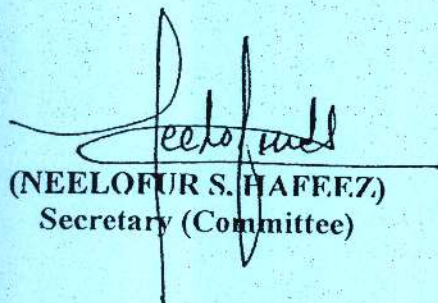
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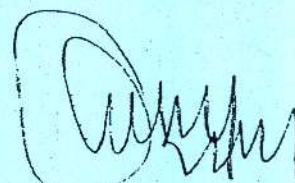
The mover briefed the Committee that Pakistan is a disaster prone country. The 2010 floods speak volumes in terms of this havoc. Therefore the National Disaster Management Act 2010 needs to be improved by incorporating amendments to make it more effective and gender responsive with appropriate financial allocations and state of the art financial institutional disaster management structure at all administrative levels.

There is a dire need to renew our commitment to augment our efforts for the rehabilitation of flood affectees with special reference to women and children. The govt. should ensure the restoration of livelihood through provision of agricultural inputs by introducing a comprehensive agriculture rehabilitation package.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee disposed of the Bill with the recommendation that the Bill as moved by the Mover may be passed. The Bill is attached.


(NEELOFUR S. HAFEEZ)
Secretary (Committee)

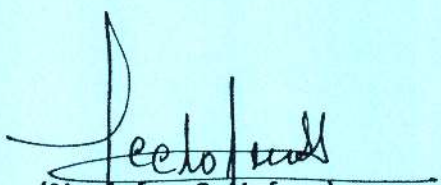

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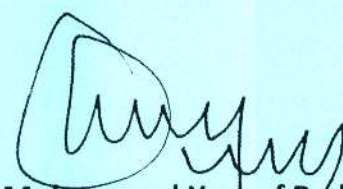
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The recommendations made by Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change vide report No. 6 of 2018 may kindly be read as follows.

“The Committee disposed of the Bill with the recommendations that the Bill may be passed by the House as amended (Annexure-A). The Bill as introduced in the Senate is at (Annexure-B)”.



(Neelofur. S. Hafeez)
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(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman

[AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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(2) It shall come into force at once.

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Subject: MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE.

A meeting of Sub-Committee comprising Senator Ahmed Hassan, Senator Sitara Ayaz, Senator Samina Saeed and Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh of the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change was held on 22nd November, 2017 in Committee Room No.3, Parliament House Islamabad. The Convener of the Committee Senator Ahmed Hassan presided over the meeting.

The agenda before the Committee was as under:

- i. Legal Implications of consolidation of following Act's
 - (a) The West Pakistan National Calamities (Prevention and Relief Act, 1958).
 - (b) Earthquake Reconstruction & Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA).
 - (c) National Disaster Management Act.
 - ii. Any other item with the permission of the Chair
1. Convener Committee Senator Ahmed Hassan welcomed all the participants and expressed the unavoidable reasons for the delay in Sub-Committee meeting.
 2. The agenda before the Committee was of consolidation of existing Acts for disaster relief but the members with the permission of the Chair requested to discuss the Bill moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh for incorporation of amendments in the National Disaster Management Act 2010. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was of the opinion that agenda item pertaining to consolidation of Act's entails a tedious process therefore it may be dealt separately as for this meeting it would be important to focus on the Bill in view of the approaching cutoff date for laying report in the House. The Chair conceded the request.
 3. It was agreed that all the three amendments would be incorporated with slight changes in the words and sequence vetted by Ministry of Law as follows

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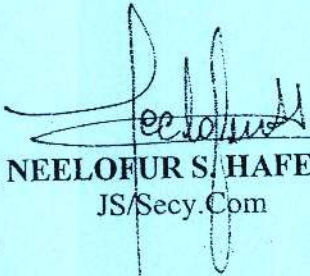
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4. National Disaster Management Authority agreed and ensured the incorporation of amendment in NDMA Act 2010 supported by Secretary Climate Change.

The meeting came to the end Convener Committee extended his vote of thanks to the members.


(NEELOFUR S. HAFEEZ)
JS/Secy. Com


(SENATOR AHMED HASSAN)
Convener