

SENATE SECRETARIAT

No. F. 3(2)/2024-27/C-II

Islamabad, the 29th October, 2026.**NOTICE**

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on National Food Security & Research will be held on 5th November 2026 at 02:30 p.m in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad. In case of Senate Session in the evening the meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. in Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad.

2. The Agenda before the Committee would be as under: -
- i. A comprehensive briefing by Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research (M/o. NFS&R) on National Wheat Policy for Wheat Season 2026-27 indicating minimum support price of wheat; progress and status of the Wheat Board and average wheat production cost for current and coming seasons.
 - ii. Further discussion on starred questions No.36, 55 and 56 pertaining to M/o. NFS&R asked by Senator Shahadat Awan were taken up in the House on 6th February, 2026 and referred by the House to this Standing Committee for thorough discussion and report.
 - a. Starred Question No. 36: The details of factors identified for Pakistan's low per-acre yield of grain and rice compared to other countries in the region?
 - b. Starred Question No. 55: The steps taken by the Government in the last 2 years to bridge the gap between the actual and potential rice production in the country?
 - c. Starred Question No. 56: The steps taken by the Government in the last 2 years to bridge the gap between the actual and potential wheat production in the country?
 - iii. Briefing by Secretary, M/o. NFS&R on sub-standard quality of ghee, cooking oil, and packaged milk available in the market; (Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan raised this issue before Chairman Senate and the Hon'ble Chairman Senate referred this matter to this Committee for consideration and report).
 - iv. Briefing by the Secretary, M/o NFS&R, on the "Pakistan Cotton Ginners' Association's" grievances mainly includes;
 - (a) strategies to revitalize research and seed development to ensure the timely availability of high-yielding, certified disease-resistant, and climate-resilient cotton seeds; and
 - (b) further to brief on ministerial measures taken to reduce or withdraw sales tax on cottonseed cake to revive the cotton sector, following a reported drop in annual production from approximately 15 million to 5.5 million bales during last year.
 - v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.
3. Members are requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the meeting.

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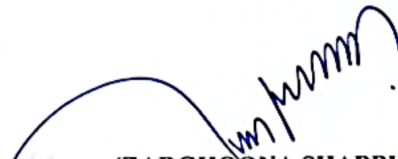
1.	Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan	Chairman
2.	Senator Poonjo Bheel	Member
3.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member
4.	Senator Rahat Jamali	Member
5.	Senator Abdul Wasay	Member
6.	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
7.	Senator Aimal Wali Khan	Member
8.	Senator Sardar Al Haj. Muhammad Umer Gorgaij	Member
9.	Senator Abdul Karim	Member
10.	Senator Noor-Ul-Haq Qadri	Member
11.	Senator Abid Sher Ali	Member
12.	Minister for National Food Security & Research	Ex-Officio Member
13.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Mover
14.	Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan	Mover

(I) COPY FOR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION TO:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting and ensure the presence of all concerned.
2. The Chairman, Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC), PARC Head Office, Ataturk Avenue, G-5/1, Islamabad, with the request to attend the meeting and ensure the presence of all concerned.
3. The Section Officer (Council), Ministry of National Food Security & Research, Islamabad, is requested to provide 35 copies (The soft versions may be emailed to: -Committee2@senate.gov.pk) of the working paper in Urdu and English along with list of participants to this Secretariat at the earliest. In case said material is not received at least two working days before the Committee meeting; it will be treated as **NOT RECEIVED**.
4. P.S. to Minister for National Food Security & Research, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad with the request to inform the Minister to attend the meeting.
5. The Executive Director (FGPC), Islamabad with the request to make necessary medical arrangements in the Parliament House.
6. The Director (Automation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for operating of Multi-Media in the meeting and for SMS.
7. The Director News, PTV, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for the T.V coverage of the meeting.
8. The Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to make necessary arrangements for the issuance of Press Release and TV coverage of the meeting.
9. The Sergeant-at-Arms, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad with the request to facilitate entry of the participants and official coverage team (PID & PTV Cameramen), into the Parliament House.
10. The Executive Director (PIPS), Ataturk Avenue, Service Road F-5/2, Islamabad.
11. Ms. Bushra Nazli Naqvi, Manager, PIPS, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad, kindly make necessary arrangements for the said meeting including operating meeting venue.
12. The DSP, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad with request to facilitate entry official coverage team (PID & PTV Cameramen), into the Parliament Lodges.
13. The Director (Staff) to Chairman, SSC on National Food Security and Research, Block-C, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.

(II) COPY ALSO FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION TO:-

1. The Attorney General for Pakistan.
2. The Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue, Islamabad.
3. The Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Islamabad.
6. The Joint Secretary (Com), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
7. The Principal Secretary to Chairman Senate, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
8. The Deputy Secretary (Admin.), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
9. The Director Staff to Deputy Chairman, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
10. The Director Staff to Leader of the House, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
11. The Sr. Director Staff to Leader of the Opposition, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad.
12. The Director General (Automation), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
13. The Director (Research) Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
14. The Sr. Finance & Accounts Officer, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
15. The Director (Protocol/Cafeteria Manager), Parliament House, Islamabad.
16. The Deputy Director (Civil/Electrical), CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad.
17. The Parliamentary Reporter Association (PRA), Parliament House, Islamabad.
18. The Ladies Senator's Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
19. The Sub-Engineer (Civil), CDA, Parliament House, Islamabad.
20. The Deputy Director (Media), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.
21. The Senator's Services Centre, Parliament House, Islamabad.
22. The Engineer In-charge, Senate Secretariats, Islamabad.
23. The Medical Officer, Parliament House, Islamabad.
24. The Information Officer (Senate) P.I.D, Islamabad.
25. The IT, Branch / Annunciator, Parliament House, Islamabad.
26. The Superintendent (Com-I), Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.


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