

Reshaping Police



National Public Safety Commission

Introduction

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The Government of Pakistan launched wide-ranging governance reforms in order to bring justice closer to the doorsteps of people. Police reforms as epitomized by Police Order 2002 represent a key area of Government's reform agenda. An important aspect of Police Order 2002 relates to public safety and police oversight mechanisms. These measures aim at enhancing professionalism and restoring citizens' trust in the functioning of police system.

As part of its strategy to implement reforms envisaged under Police Order 2002, the Federal Government established the National Public Safety Commission (NPSC) on 12 June 2006. NPSC is an independent statutory institution with responsibility to provide policy guidance and take up matters related to enhancing human security and quality of life of citizens ultimately contributing towards a safer environment for investment and other economic activities.

Pakistan is one of the few countries in the world where Public Safety Commissions have been established to work for improvements in policing and public safety matters. A cursory look at the functions and responsibilities of NPSC reveals its distinct character and role. The Commission indeed stands out prominently in terms of its balanced, participatory and pluralistic composition. Such a Commission in Japan for instance lacks representation from sitting parliamentarians, let alone giving equal representation to opposition and ruling parties.

Similarly, the role of NPSC vis-à-vis the National Police Management Board is of critical importance

as it is this arrangement whereby key policy issues, particularly related to raising of standards for police training, conduct and performance, will be debated. The mandate of the National Police Management Board includes preparation of internationally accepted standard operating procedures, setting performance standards and training of police officers. Under Police Order 2002, the NPSC considers the proposals of the Board and forwards its recommendations to the government.

Composition

The Commission consists of twelve members. The Federal Minister for Interior is the Chairperson of NPSC, while the Director General NPB is designated as Secretary to NPSC. The Commission represents a unique mix of members of Parliament and civil society; half are nominated by the Speaker of the National Assembly from amongst its members, three each from the treasury and the opposition in consultation with the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition provided that each province is represented by at least one member.

The other half representing civil society are Independent Members who are appointed by the President from a list of 12 names recommended by the National Selection Panel, that consists of Chief Justice of Supreme Court of Pakistan and one nominee each of President and Prime Minister. No elected representative or public servant can become a member of the Selection Panel. Decisions of the Panel about selecting the independent members are reached by consensus. A transparent and competitive method is followed in selecting the most appropriate persons. As per

Functions

NPSC is tasked to transform police into a responsive, accountable and citizens-oriented public service organization. To achieve this objective, NPSC is assigned with a wide range of functions, including:

- i) Overseeing the functioning of the Federal Investigation Agency, Pakistan Railways Police, Anti-narcotics Force, Frontier Constabulary Pakistan Motorway and Highway Police, Islamabad Police and Anti-smuggling Wing of Customs exercising police powers;
- ii) Facilitating the establishment and functioning of Citizen Police Liaison Committees;
- iii) Recommending to the Federal Government panels of three police officers for the appointment of Capital City Police Officer for Islamabad and for the appointment of head of Federal Investigation Agency, Pakistan Railways Police, Pakistan Motorway and Highway Police and Frontier Constabulary;
- iv) Recommending to the Federal Government premature transfer of Capital City Police Officer for Islamabad and head of a Federal Law Enforcement Agency before completion of normal tenure of three years for unsatisfactory performance of duties; provided that before making such recommendation the National Public Safety Commission will give the concerned officer an opportunity to be heard in person;

selection criteria, the Independent Members have to be of impeccable integrity and proven professional competence in such fields as social work, law, administration, education, corporate sector, etc.

To select members having appropriate qualifications and experience, the Selection Panel invites applications or nominations from the public for selection of Independent Members, and after interviewing eligible and willing candidates, forwards names of persons twice the number of appointments to be made to the President of Pakistan. Another important feature of the composition of NPSC relates to one-third representation of women.

At the moment, the National Public Safety Commission consists of the following:

• **Chairman:** **Mr. A Rehman Malik,**
• Advisor to Prime Minister on Interior

Members:

1. Lt. Gen (Retd) Moin-ud-Din Haider
2. IG (Retd) Muhammad Abbas Khan
3. Mr. Sikandar Hayat Jamali
4. Dr. Sabiha Hassan Syed
5. Mrs. Sarkar Abbas

Secretary:

Mr. Tariq Khosa,
Director General, National Police Bureau

- v) Overseeing implementation of annual plans prepared by heads of the respective law enforcement agencies and approved and published by the government setting out arrangements for achieving objectives;
- vi) Submitting an annual report to the Government and the Parliament;
- vii) Recommending reforms for modernization of laws and procedure in respect of police, prosecution, prisons and probation services;
- viii) Facilitating coordination among the Provincial Public Safety Commissions;
- ix) Evaluating the performance of the Islamabad District Public Safety Commission on annual basis,
- x) Performing functions of the Islamabad District Public Safety Commission during the period it stands dissolved;
- xi) Considering the proposals of the National Police Management Board and giving its recommendations to the government; and
- xii) Performing such other functions with regard to public safety and safeguarding interests of the people, as may be assigned by the government to it for the purpose under any law for the time being in force in particular pertaining to the Prosecution, Prisons and Probation services.

Secretariat

National Police Bureau acts as permanent Secretariat to National Public Safety Commission.

The Bureau, by providing quality secretarial services, has a key role in implementing the decisions of National Public Safety Commission as well as National Police Management Board. It serves as a hub of research and capacity building activities for police and other law enforcement agencies in Pakistan.

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PROFILES OF MEMBERS

Mr. A Rehman Malik (Chairman)

Dr. A Rehman Malik was born in Sialkot on December 12, 1951. He got his secondary and intermediate education from Sialkot and did his Masters from Karachi University with Gold Medal. He also holds an M.Sc in Statistics and Ph.D in Criminology.

During 26 years of active service as civil servant and as an officer of Federal Investigation Agency, he has held the post of Additional Director of FIA besides heading various regional offices of the department such as Crime Zone Peshawar, Immigration, Interpol and National Security Cell. The incumbency of these positions involved formulation and implementation of strategy to be followed by the various sections of FIA and overseeing the investigation of cases of diverse nature. He had been associated with anti-terrorism and anti-money laundering operations of FIA which have earned for him recognition by the international law enforcement community. He was bestowed with Sitara-e-Shujaat in 1995.

Mr. Malik has experience in the field of

investigations, security, telecommunications, general administration & management.

Mr. Malik has represented Pakistan at various international conference and seminars.

Lt. General (Retd) Moin-ud-Din Haider HI (M)
(Member)

Lt. General Moin-ud-Din Haider got commission in the Pakistan Army in 1962 and served at various command and staff appointments. He did his Masters in Defence Studies from Royal College of Defence Studies, Seaford House, UK, and has the distinction of being the first Pakistani to get his thesis published in Seaford House Papers. With a rich experience of 35 years service in the army, Lt. General Moin-ud-Din Haider was appointed the Governor of Sindh in 1997. He was the Federal Minister of Interior and Narcotics Control from 1999 to 2002. He did lot of work on police reforms during his time as Minister for Interior. He has travelled widely and has been the driving force behind many philanthropist and educational organizations. His interests range from education and social uplift to literature and health. He is keen to see police transformed into an instrument of law.

Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan
(Member)

Mr. Muhammad Abbas Khan, a former Inspector General of Police, has a law degree and has served at key senior positions in police, Frontier Constabulary and the Federal Government. After retirement, he also served as a Minister in the NWFP government and as a member of the Public Accounts Committee. He has been a member of

the Focal Group on Police Reforms and has written numerous research papers on issues of public order and police reforms.

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Jamali
(Member)

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Jamali did his Masters in Public Policy and Administration from University of Wisconsin and Masters in Area Studies (Middle East) from University of London. He is a retired Federal Secretary who has served at various important assignments in the Federal and Provincial governments. He takes keen interest in social and educational issues. As Chief Secretary, he is remembered for his contribution to improving law and order in Balochistan.

Dr. Sabiha Hassan Syed
(Member)

Dr, Sabiha Hassan Syed, a retired civil servant, has a Masters in Public Health from University of California and a doctorate in Population Sciences from Harvard. She served at various senior positions in the Government of Pakistan and the United Nations. With a rich experience of teaching and research, Dr. Sabiha Hassan Syed has made marked contribution towards empowerment of women and other vulnerable segments of society in Pakistan and abroad. She is keen to see police change for the better.

Mrs. Sarkar Abbas
(Member)

A lawyer by profession, Mrs. Sarkar Abbas, did her Masters from University of Peshawar and LL.B.

from University of Punjab. She has been a member of the District Public Safety Commission, Rawalpindi. She is known for her philanthropist activities and her interest in promoting human rights. She has widely travelled and has command over many languages. She wants to see police as a humane service-delivery organization.

Mr. Tariq Khosa

(Secretary)

As Director General of the National Police Bureau Mr. Tariq Khosa is the ex-officio secretary of the NPSC. He is a Ravian who did his Masters in English Literature from Government College Lahore in 1972. He joined Police Service of Pakistan in 1976 and served as ASP in Sheikhpura, Pakpattan and Jhang; SP Sibi and Quetta; SSP in Gujranwala and Lahore; DIG Faisalabad; Additional Director General FIA; and IG Police Balochistan. He is a Hubert Humphrey Fellow in Public Administration from University of Washington, Seattle USA under Fulbright Exchange Programme. He is also a graduate of National Defence University, Islamabad having done his Masters in Defence and Strategic Studies. He was member of sub Committee from Punjab for giving recommendations on drafting Police Order 2002. Mr. Khosa has widely traveled and represented Pakistan at various international conferences and seminars.