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NOTICE OF MOTIONS AND ORDERS OF THE DAY

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The Leader of the House of Parliament,— Amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament,— That the following recommendations of the Committee on Standing Orders relating to the amendments to the Standing Orders of the Parliament made in their Report which was presented to Parliament on 21st November 2022 be agreed to:—

That the following new Standing Order be inserted as Standing Order 124 of the Parliament immediately after the proposed Standing Order 123 of the Parliament thereto:—

New Standing Order 124,—

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(1) There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Ways and Means for the purpose of recommending measures necessary to mobilize additional revenue for the Government and to consider its expenditure in strengthening the economic stability of the country consisting of sixteen Members, who are not members of the Cabinet of Ministers nominated by the Committee of Selection.

(2) The Committee shall have the power to examine all matters related to taxation, tariff and other revenue enhancing measures for the government, propose changes to the existing policies on taxation and tariffs as and when necessary.

(3) In discharging the duties of the Committee, the Committee shall examine and provide recommendations on:—

(a) Effective revenue collection mechanisms;

(b) Matters relating to the Inland Revenue Laws, and revenue measures specified in other Laws;

(c) Matters relating to customs and customs administration which includes tariff, customs laws, policies and guidelines that are applicable in imports and exports;

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(d) Matters relating to international trade including all types of trade agreements, Commodity agreements and their implementation as well as the international rules and recognized aspects of these agreements;

(e) Matters relating to the import industry including their impacts, import policies, mechanisms to promote competitive import market and measures to address harmful and unfair imports and such import practices;

(f) Specific matters relating to trade industry including export policies, export promotion mechanisms, market access and competition, continuous supply of material required by the industries, bilateral and multilateral trade relations;

(g) Matters relating to all government pensions, healthcare, welfare and social security schemes, their payments and policies, government social services programmes including childcare programmes, programmes for persons with physical or mental disabilities, rehabilitation programmes; and

(h) Matters relating to the provision of emergency reliefs and related policies.

(4) The Committee shall have the general oversight powers on all matters within the scope of the Committee but limited to existing laws:

Provided that the Committee may make recommendations on the enactment of new laws, to introduce amendments to or repeal of existing laws on matters coming within the purview of the Committee.

(5) The Committee shall, every three months report to Parliament on its findings and the report shall also include observations on matters that require remedial actions, and recommendations if any.

(6) A report of the Committee on Ways and Means, once tabled in Parliament shall be referred to the Minister in charge of the subject of Finance and the Ministers in charge of the institutions who shall fulfil the recommendations laid down in the report within a period of eight weeks, and also submit statement on actions they propose to take with regard to observations, or if the Minister is of the view that particular recommendations may not be fulfilled, the Minister shall explain the reasons for this in writing and indicate alternative action the Minister proposes. If the Committee requires, the Committee may invite the relevant Minister to explain the position in person and to answer the questions that arise as to such matter within eight weeks.

(7) The Committee shall as required, appoint Sub-Committees of its Members to look at any institution, provided that other Members may attend any such Sub-Committee meeting if they so wish. Such Sub-Committee shall report to the Committee on such matters as the Committee deem necessary.

(8) The Committee or any Sub-Committee appointed by the Committee shall as required have sittings in Parliamentary Complex or any relevant institutions as decided by the Committee.

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(9) Members of Parliament who are not Members of the Committee may be allowed to observe the proceedings of the Committee with the permission of the Chair.

(10) The Committee on Ways and Means or any of its Sub-Committees shall for the performance of its duties have the power to summon before it and question any person and call for and examine any paper, book, record or other document and to have access to stores and property.

(11) The quorum of the Committee on Ways and Means shall be five Members. Any Member not attending three consecutive meetings of the Committee without good reason acceptable to the Committee shall be deemed to have vacated his membership of the Committee.

That the existing Standing Order 118 of the Parliament be deleted and the following new Standing Order be substituted therefor:—

118. (1) There shall be a Committee to be designated the Committee on Ethics and Privileges consisting of not more than ten Members nominated by the Committee of Selection.

(2) The functions of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges are—

(a) A complaint that is submitted to the Parliament, by a Member of Parliament, with reference to a matter in respect to a violation of ethics and rules of the Code of Conduct of the Members of Parliament or a violation of the privileges of the Parliament or a Member of Parliament, shall be examined, provided that the Speaker is satisfied that such complaint so submitted, prima facie, is a breach of privilege; and

(b) to determine with reference to the facts of each case whether a breach of Privilege on the rules of conduct and etiquette has been committed and if so, the nature of the breach, the circumstances leading to such breach and its recommendations as the Committee may deem fit.

(3) Such a complaint that is submitted to the Committee should be forwarded to the Speaker with recommendations of the Committee, within two weeks from the date of receipt. However, the Speaker has the authority to grant permission to a request to extend the said period on exceptional grounds. The Committee shall have the power to summon persons, and call for documents and other records and to do other acts as are necessary for the examination of the matters so referred to it.

(4) The Committee shall also examine any matter referred to it in relation to a violation or non-adherence of the rules of the Code of Conduct of the Members of Parliament. Every Member shall co-operate, at all stages, with any such examination by or under the authority of Parliament. No Member shall lobby a Member of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges in a manner calculated or intended to influence its consideration of an alleged breach of the rules of Code of Conduct.

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(5) In the performance of its duties the Committee may obtain the services of experts, call for documents and summon and examine witnesses.

(6) The Parliament may consider conclusions and recommendations made in the report of the Committee on Ethics and Privileges and may impose sanctions on Members concerned where it deems necessary.

(7) The Committee may, from time to time, make rules to regulate its procedure.

(8) The Chair of the Committee may issue such directions as the Chair may consider necessary for regulating the procedure in respect of all matters connected with the examination of cases with reference to ethical and other misconduct of Members.

* *Indicates Government Business.*
