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## **PREFACE**

I consider it is my pride and privilege to prepare the fifth report of the Council of Common Interests for presentation to both the houses of the Parliament i.e. Senate and the National Assembly under Article 153 (4) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

2. With the political consensus, participatory democracy and federalism has gained roots in the country and the democratic system is strengthened. The Federal Government has placed very vital subjects in the Federal Legislative List (Part-II) extending the purview and authority of the CCI over them under Article 154 of the Constitution. This has resulted in the growth of confidence and promoted mutual understanding between the federation and the federating units. It is also a fact that this participation of federating units in the matters of vital importance relating to the federation has strengthened federalism through holding of regular meetings of the CCI. During the functional year 2014-15 the Council has held a meeting on March 18, 2015 and considered 9 items. Most of them were of great national importance and have long lasting effects on the country's socio-economic development.

3. As approved by the Council of Common Interests, the Report for the year 2014-15 is laid before the Senate and the National Assembly of Pakistan, in terms of Article 153 (4) of the Constitution.

**Muhammad Ali Gardezi**  
**SECRETARY**

**SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION OF CASES TO THE CCI**

Name of Ministry /Division/ Department	March 18, 2015		
	Presented	Approved	Un approved
Federal Government Ministries/ Divisions	6	4	2
Punjab			
Sindh	1		1
Khyber Pakhtunkhawa	1		1
Balochistan	1		1
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

CHAPTER-1

**CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS REGARDING  
COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS**

The Constitutional provisions relating to the Council of Common Interests (CCI) are as under:—

**Article 153** (1) There shall be a Council of Common Interests, in this Chapter referred to as the Council, to be appointed by the President.

(2) The Council shall consist of —

(a) the Prime Minister who shall be the Chairman of the Council;

(b) the Chief Ministers of the Provinces; and

(c) Three members from the Federal Government to be nominated by the Prime Minister from time to time.

(3) [Omitted]

(4) The Council shall be responsible to {Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)} and shall submit an Annual Report to both Houses of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).

**Article 154 - Functions and rules of procedure.**—(1) The Council shall formulate and regulate policies in relation to matters in Part II of the Federal Legislative List and shall exercise supervision and control over related institutions.

(2) The Council shall be constituted within thirty days of the Prime Minister taking oath of office.

(3) The Council shall have a permanent Secretariat and shall meet at least once in ninety days:

Provided that the Prime Minister may convene a meeting on the request of a Province on an urgent matter.

(4) The decisions of the Council shall be expressed in terms of the opinion of the majority.

(5) Until [Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)] makes provision by law in this behalf, the Council may make its rules of procedure.

(6) [Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)] in joint sitting may from time to time by resolution issue directions through the Federal Government to the Council generally or in a particular matter to take action as [Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)] may deem just and proper and such directions shall be binding on the Council.

(7) If the Federal Government or a Provincial Government is dissatisfied with a decision of the Council, it may refer the matter to {Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)} in a joint sitting whose decision in this behalf shall be final.

**Article 155 - Complaints as to interference with water supplies.**—(1) If the interests of a Province, the Federal Capital or the Federally Administered Tribal Areas, or any of the inhabitants thereof, in water from any natural source of supply <sup>2</sup>(or reservoir) have been or are likely to be affected prejudicially by—

- (a) any executive act or legislation taken or passed or proposed to be taken or passed; or
- (b) the failure of any authority to exercise any of its powers with respect to the use and distribution or control of water from that source;

the Federal Government or the Provincial Government concerned may make a complaint in writing to the Council

(2) Upon receiving such complaint, the Council shall, after having considered the matter, either give its decision or request the President to appoint a commission consisting of such persons having special knowledge and experience in irrigation, engineering, administration, finance or law as he may think fit, hereinafter referred to as the Commission.

(3) Until [Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament)] makes provision by law in this behalf, the provisions of the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956, as in force immediately before the commencing day shall apply to the Council or the Commission as if the Council or the Commission were a commission appointed under that Act to which all the provisions of section 5 thereof applied and upon which the power contemplated by section 10A thereof had been conferred.

(4) After considering the report and supplementary report, if any, of the Commission, the Council shall record its decision on all matters referred to the Commission.

(5) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, but subject to the provisions of clause (5) of Article 154, it shall be the duty of the Federal Government and the Provincial Government concerned in the matter in issue to give effect to the decision of the Council faithfully according to its terms and tenor.

(6) No proceeding shall lie before any court at the instance of any party to a matter which is or has been in issue before the Council, or of any person whatsoever, in respect of a matter which is actually or has been or might or ought to have been a proper subject of complaint to the Council under this Article.

**Article 157 - Electricity.**—(1) The Federal Government may in any Province construct or cause to be constructed hydro-electric or thermal power installations or grid stations for the generation of electricity and lay or cause to be laid inter-Provincial transmission lines.

(2) The Government of a Province may—

- (a) to the extent electricity is supplied to that Province from the national grid, require supply to be made in bulk for transmission and distribution within the Province;
- (b) levy tax on consumption of electricity within the Province;
- (c) construct power houses and grid stations and lay transmission lines for use within the Province; and

(d) determine the tariff for distribution of electricity within the Province.

(3) In case of any dispute between the Federal Government and a Provincial Government in respect of any matter under this Article, any of the said Governments may move the Council of Common Interests for resolution of the dispute.

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CHAPTER-2

**Composition of CCI**

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
MINISTYR OF INTER PROVINCIAL COORDINATION  
(IPC DIVISION/SECRETARIAT OF COUNCIL OF COMMON  
INTERESTS)

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Islamabad, the June 27, 2013

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 1(2)/2010-CCI. In exercise of power conferred upon him under Article, 153 of the Constitution, the President of Pakistan, on the advice of the Prime Minister, is pleased to re-constitute the Council of Common Interests, as under, with effect from June 25, 2013 and until further orders:

- |    |   |          |
|----|---|----------|
| 1. | The Prime Minister  | Chairman |
| 2. | The Chief Minister, Balochistan   | Member   |
| 3. | The Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  | Member   |
| 4. | The Chief Minister, Punjab  | Member   |
| 5. | The Chief Minister, Sindh   | Member   |
| 6. | Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi,<br>Federal Minster for Overseas Pakistani, and<br>Human Resources Development | Member   |
| 7. | Lt. General (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baluch,<br>Minister for States & Frontier Regions                               | Member   |
| 8. | Sardar Muhammad Yousaf,<br>Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-<br>faith Harmony                   | Member   |

2. This supersede this Division's Notification's of even number dated April 16, 2013.

Sd/-  
(Shahzad Iqbal)  
Sr. Joint secretary (CCI)

## CHAPTER-3

### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS HELD ON MARCH 18, 2015



Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif addressing the meeting of Council of Common Interests (CCI) at Prime Minister Office on March 18, 2015

#### **3.1 ADDRESS BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

The Chair welcomed the Chief Ministers and the Members of the Council of Common Interests and thanked them for making it convenient to attend the twenty seventh meeting of CCI since its re-constitution through Eighteenth Constitutional Amendment. He thereafter asked the Secretary, IPC Division, to take up the formal agenda.

#### **3.2 CASES CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS AND IMPACT ANALYSIS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS DECISIONS**

Cases considered by the Council in its meeting held on March 18, 2015 in the financial year 2014-15 and Impact Analysis of Implementation of its decisions is mentioned hereunder:

Case No.CCI. 1/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015	Status Review of Important Decisions of the CCI meeting held on May 29, 2014
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**i-a). “Allocation of Water for Islamabad/Rawalpindi”**

The issue was raised by the Ministry of Water and Power before the CCI in 2011 due to shortage of water supply to Islamabad/Rawalpindi. The CCI discussed the issue a number of times in its subsequent meetings. In the last meeting of CCI held on 18th March, 2015 the quota of water to be contributed by provinces was proposed with the consent of the provinces. The Council approved, allocation of water for Islamabad as per the original proposal subject to formal consent of the Province of Sindh to be received within two days :—

- i) 74 Cusecs water from the Province of Sindh
- ii) 74 Cusecs from the Province of Punjab
- iii) 24 Cusecs from the Province of Balochistan
- iv) 28 Cusecs from the Province of KPK

**Implementation Status**

Formal consent of the Government of Sindh is still awaited.

**Impact**

The implementation of this decision by CCI will help to resolve the chronic issue of water shortages in twin cities i.e. Rawalpindi/Islamabad.

**i-b). “Inquiry into Corruption Charges of Kacchi Kanal”**

The Secretary CCI informed that this issue was discussed in the meeting of the CCI on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. Minister for Planning, Development and Reform was tasked to conduct an Inquiry in this case through well reputed firms of auditors. The Secretary further requested the Minister to update the house on this issue. The Minister informed the forum that the study has been awarded to an audit firm and their report will be received within a period of six weeks. The CCI decided that the Inquiry shall be completed on

urgent basis and a report to this effect shall be submitted in next meeting of CCI.

### **Implementation status**

The Inquiry Report will be presented in the next meeting of CCI.

### **Impact**

A transparent audit/inquiry will have a positive impact on the overall performance of this project. Moreover, it will also strengthen the system of accountability within government organizations.

### **ii). Purchase of upto 20% of the Right Shares of PPL, OGDCL and SSGCL at their Face Value Under the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan.**

The Secretary CCI informed that as per decision by the CCI in its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014, Minister for Finance was asked to hold meetings with the stakeholders on this issue and submit report in the next CCI meeting. The Minister informed the house that there is no such authority/provision about the provision of right shares on their face value under the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package. Instead it is provided that whenever such shares will be floated by the companies, it will be purchased from the open market by interested parties.

The CCI decided as follows:—

“It was decided by the CCI that the Government of Balochistan may purchase the right share of PPL, OGDCL & SSGCL at their market value whenever the shares are floated by respective companies as there is no provision for their purchase on face value under Companies Act”.

### **Implementation Status**

Implemented.

## **Impact**

This decision will promote transparency in financial matters and will provide a good precedent for dealing with such issues at various levels of government in future.

### **iii). Sixth Population and Housing Census**

The Secretary CCI informed that the Statistics Division had initiated a Summary for approval of Population and Housing Census by the CCI in its meeting dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. All the provinces except Balochistan agreed to the proposal. The Government of Balochistan was of the view that due to law and order situation Population and Housing Census in Balochistan will be difficult at this stage. Minister for IPC was tasked to coordinate with the Chief Minister Balochistan regarding this issue who remained in regular contact with the Provincial Government of Balochistan and coordinated this matter. However, the Provincial Government desired to share their views with the CCI.

The Minister for Finance, Revenue, Statistics, EAD and Privatization added that the CCI has already agreed in principle for holding of Census in the country in its meeting held on May 29<sup>th</sup> 2014 and the Council should decide the case and resolve to conduct the Census in the country.

The Council after deliberations in its meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 decided as under:—

“The Council of Common Interests considered the Summary dated 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 submitted by the Statistics Division and while approving the Summary decided that the Census may be held in March, 2016 as per proposal of the Statistics Division under the supervision of armed forces along with house listing census. The funds will be shared from the divisible pool by all provinces jointly”.

## **Implementation Status**

The Statistics Division has informed that the activity plan on 6<sup>th</sup> Population Census has been approved by the Chairman Governing Council/Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs, Statistics

and Privatization and has constituted National Census Apex Committee. The National Census Apex Committee comprises of representative of Federal Government, Provincial Governments and other Organizations / Research Institutions who are directly involved with census activities.

TORs of the National Census apex committee is as under:—

- (1) Oversee the Census Activities to ensure an expeditious, transparent and credible Census.
- (2) Advise on all Policy Issues in the context of holding of Sixth Population and Housing Census.
- (3) Coordinate all concerned Federal and Provincial Ministries/Divisions/Departments and Organizations for successful conduct of Census 2016 operation.
- (4) Any other requirement from the time to time.

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics requested all Chief Secretaries of Provincial Governments including AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan vide their office letter No. 1(2)/2004-PBS(C) dated 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 for assistance of the Provincial Governments in the following areas for successful conduct of 6<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census in the Country.

- Availability of census field staff from Education, Revenue, Local Government and Population Welfare Departments.
- Appointment of Census District Officers.
- Formation of Coordination Committee.
- Formation of Vigilance Teams at District / Census District level.
- Freezing of Boundaries of Administrative Units.
- Imposing of ban on posting/transfer of Census Field Staff prior to the census operation.
- Appointment of focal person for Census 2016.

Accordingly, the following focal persons have been nominated for smooth conduct of Population & Housing Census 2016 so far.

- Secretary Local Government and Community Govt. of Punjab.
- Secretary LG&RD and Census Department, Gilgit Baltistan.
- Secretary Local Government, Govt. of Balochistan.
- Secretary Local Government, Rural Development, Public Health Engineering & HTP Dept. Govt. of Sindh.”

Technical Committee of PBS has finalized the manual of instructions and Form-I for House Listing Operation and has pretested in the field for use in the Census 2016.

### **Impact**

Holding of 6<sup>th</sup> Population Census will provide correct and reliable database of population for better planning and development. It will also help in improving the standard of social services delivery in the country.

#### **iv). Permanent absorption of Federal Employees transferred to Provincial Governments in the wake of 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment**

After 18th Amendment, some departments were also devolved along with employees to the provinces. The issue of absorption of these federal government employees by the provinces was raised by the Establishment Division (Management Services Wing) in CCI meeting held on 29th May, 2014 and the Council decided that the enactments under process, be expedited by the Provinces and a report be placed before the next meeting of the CCI. In its meeting held on 18th March, 2015 the Council after discussing the issue in light of career planning of the employees decided as under:—

“The CCI directed the Provincial Governments of Balochistan & KPK to expedite the process of enactment of

law for absorption of Federal Employees transferred to the Provincial Governments in the wake of 18th Constitutional Amendment. The CCI further directed that the progress report should be provided in its next meeting".

#### **Implementation Status**

Implemented. The Provincial Governments of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan have completed the necessary legislation in the matter and conveyed the same to CCI Secretariat.

#### **Impact**

The decision of the CCI has been helpful in accomplishment of the absorption of federal employees in the Provincial Governments in the wake of 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment. This will help the Provincial Governments in better performance of the devolved functions.

#### **v). Public Debt Management & Supervision Policy.**

The Finance Division raised the issue of Public Debt Management and Supervision Policy regarding domestic and foreign borrowings, overall state of public debt, debt sustainability, cost of debt, sources of debt and efficient management of debt, present position of domestic and external debt and medium term macro-economic framework in 2011. The CCI subsequently deliberated upon issue of formulation of "Public Debt Management and Supervision Policy" in its meeting. The Council in the meeting dated 18th March, 2015 decided as under:

"The CCI decided that the Summary prepared by Finance Division may be considered in the NEC meeting and output may be provided in the next meeting of CCI".

#### **Implementation Status**

Implemented. As per the direction of CCI in its meeting held on 18-03-2015, a summary was submitted to NEC. NEC in its

meeting held on 01-06-2015 has approved the following proposals:—

- i. The Federal Government will continue to assist provinces to receive support from development partners such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and bilateral sources. Since these loans are contracted by the Federal Government, they are counted in the federal indebtedness, and no additional burden on overall Debt/ GDP is entitled;
- ii. Despite limitations of available fiscal space, a symbolic start of allowing provincial borrowings should be started. Accordingly, provinces are allowed a domestic borrowing limit of 0.5% of GDP or Rs.153 billion after excluding domestic loans of Rs.40.4 billion owed to the Federal Government. This will mean a net limit of Rs.112.6 billion.
- iii. The limit specified in (ii) will be distributed among the provinces as per their relative share in the divisible pool which is as under:—

Provincial Debt Limit	Rs. in billion				
	Punjab	Sindh	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Balochistan	Total
Net Available Limit	61.75	20.05	16.88	13.91	112.59

- iv. The implementation status of the item will be submitted in the next meeting of the CCI.

### **Impact**

As a result of implementation of the CCI decision, provincial debt raising ceilings will be enhanced and they will be in a better position to receive support from development partners and bilateral sources with the assistance of the Federal Government.

vi). **Pakistan Energy Efficiency & Energy Conservation (PEEC), Bill, 2014.**

The Secretary CCI informed that "Pakistan Energy Efficiency & Energy Conservation (PEEC), Bill, 2014" was approved in the last meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 for placing it before the Parliament. He further informed that the Ministry of Water and Power is in the process of obtaining fresh approval from Cabinet on the advice of Law and Justice Division.

The CCI decided as under:—

"The CCI noted the progress and directed the Ministry of Water & Power to complete the process on urgent basis and further directed to report progress in the next meeting of the CCI".

**Implementation Status**

The Ministry of Water & Power has stated that the Prime Minister approved placement of the Bill before the Parliament on 31.03.2015. Accordingly, the Pakistan Energy Efficiency & Conservation Bill, 2015, has already been submitted to Ministry of Law & Justice on 03.04.2015 for introduction of the Bill in the National Assembly for necessary legislation. Legislation process is awaited. The report to this effect will be submitted in the next meeting of CCI.

**Impact**

The proposed "Pakistan Energy Efficiency & Energy Conservation (PEEC), Bill, 2014" will help in providing mechanism for reducing carbon emission and lessening other adverse effects of climate change. It will also help in energy conservation which is badly needed to overcome the prevailing energy crises in the country.

(vii). **Amendment in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 for Restoration of Executive Magistracy**

In February, 2013, while dealing with separation of judiciary and executive, the Ministry of Interior placed a bill titled "Amendment in the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 for Restoration of Executive Magistracy" before CCI for approval as the subject of law and order has been devolved to the provinces under 18th Amendment of the Constitution. The CCI assigned the task of preparation of bill to IPC. The issue was accordingly taken up by IPC and a report to this effect was submitted to CCI. The CCI accordingly decided that the Federal Government and the Provinces should become parties in the case presently pending in the Supreme Court of Pakistan on the subject. In the meeting of CCI held on 18th March, 2015 the CCI decided as under:—

"The CCI noted the progress and reaffirmed its earlier decision of approval of the Draft Bill by Ministry of Interior and directed to complete the process at the earliest".

**Implementation Status**

The Law, Justice and Human Rights Division vide their O.M. dated 15th May 2015 informed that the appeals are still pending before the Supreme Court of Pakistan and no final judgment has so far been passed.

**Impact**

The revival of executive magistracy will improve the level of performance of various regulatory functions associated with general law and order situation. It will further improve the service delivery at the district level and will help in strengthening the writ of Government.

<b>Case No.CCI.2/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015</b>	<b>Power Generation Policy, 2015</b>
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The Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power presented the Power Generation Policy, 2015 highlighting its salient features and stated that the Policy will be applicable to new power projects.

However, the Provincial stakeholders wanted more time to respond to the proposed policy.

The CCI considered the Summary dated 13-02-2015 submitted by Ministry of Water and Power on “**Power Generation Policy, 2015**” and approved it in principle subject to satisfaction of all stakeholders. The Council further directed that the IPCC headed by the Federal Minister for IPC to hold meeting with all stakeholders including the Provinces for achieving consensus on it.

### **Implementation Status**

Pursuant to the CCI decision, the IPCC has held two meetings on March 31, 2015 and May 6, 2015 respectively. In the last meeting “it was concluded that the Ministry of Water and Power will again examine the observations of the provincial governments and propose required amendments in SRO of the Power Generation Policy 2015 and bring it back in the next meeting of the IPCC to finalize the matter”.

A letter has been addressed to Secretary Ministry of Water & Power dated June 8, 2015 with a request to submit a Summary for CCI regarding Power Generation Policy. No response has been received so far.

### **Impact**

The successful implementation of this policy will lead to enormous improvement within the power sector. By 2017, the supply-demand gap could be eradicated completely; and by the end of the five-year term of the current government the country will have a power surplus which can then be regionally traded. In essence, by the end of the decade Pakistan could be transformed from an energy strapped, importer of power to a regional exporter of power. The cost of power generation will be reduced to an affordable amount, and the efficiency improvements in transmission and distribution will decrease the burden of power to the end consumer. In summary, prosperity and social development will become a reality in a Roshan Pakistan.

Case No.CCI. 3/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015	Pakistan Oil (Refining, Blending, Transportation Storage and Marketing) Rules
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The Secretary, Cabinet Division/Chairman OGRA presented the case and informed that in pursuance of Prime Minister Secretariat's observations, these rules were shared with Provincial Governments for their comments. He further explained that the comments of the Provincial Governments have been incorporated and the rules have been revised accordingly. He therefore requested the approval of the Council to the "Pakistan Oil (Refining, Blending, Transportation Storage and Marketing) Rules, 2015".

The Council decided as under:—

"The CCI considered the Summary dated 27-08-2014 submitted by Cabinet Division and approved the "Pakistan Oil (Refining, Blending, Transportation Storage and Marketing) Rules, 2015".

#### **Implementation Status**

A Summary dated 4.5.2015 has been submitted to the Prime Minister seeking his approval for notifying the "Pakistan oil (Refining Blending Transportation Storage and Marketing) Rules, 2015", after their vetting by the Law, Justice & Human Rights Division. However, approval of the Prime Minister is still awaited.

#### **Impact**

These new Rules will foster competition, increase private investment and improve the efficiency and operational performance of the companies involved in the regulated activities. In addition they will also help in providing level playing field through enforcement of Technical Standards by carrying out third party inspections to ensure safety/integrity of oil installations.

Case No.CCI. 4/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015	Amendment in Petroleum Policy 2009 & 2012 and Model Petroleum Concession Agreement.
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The Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources informed the house that Council of Common Interests (CCI) in its meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2012 had approved the new Petroleum Policy 2012 and subsequently the policy was amended in CCI's meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2013. However, it does not cover Airborne non-seismic geophysical survey or non-seismic geophysical survey.

Keeping in view the aforesaid position, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources recommended that the necessary additions/amendments for each Zone in the Annexure-5 of the Petroleum Policy 2009 & 2012 and Annexure-X of Model Petroleum Concession Agreement 2009 & 2012 may be made as follows:-

- a. 1-line kilometer Airborne non-seismic geophysical survey (acquisition, processing, mapping and interpretation)-0.12 work units/line km;
- b. 1-line kilometer ground based non-seismic geophysical survey such as gravity & magnetic (acquisition, processing, mapping and interpretation)-0.10 work unit/line km.

The CCI considered the Summary dated September 12, 2014 submitted by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources and approved the Amendment in Petroleum Policy 2009 & 2012 and Model Petroleum Concession Agreement.

#### **Implementation Status**

Implemented.

#### **Impact**

The new additions/amendments cover airborne, non-seismic geophysical survey which is effective in difficult terrain and areas

where ground survey is not possible due to non-availability of approach roads, law and order situation and remote areas. This will also significantly reduce the time, cost and risk associated with frontier exploration. Airborne non-seismic geophysical survey has limited environmental or community impact and is safe from ground based hazard. It has provided encouraging results in different countries including Pakistan.

<b>Case No.CCI. 5/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015</b>	<b>Draft Bill for the Establishment of Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA), 2014</b>
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The CCI considered the Summary dated 27-10-2014 submitted by Ministry of Science and Technology regarding “**Draft Bill for the Establishment of Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA), 2014**” and approved the draft Bill for the Establishment of Pakistan Halal Authority.

#### **Implementation Status**

The Ministry of Science & Technology has informed that Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) Bill, 2015 needed urgent processing in Parliament for further discussion. The Ministry of Science & Technology (MoST) therefore, on the advice of Law, Justice and Human Rights Division had solicited approval of the Prime Minister under rule 16(2) of Rules of Business for introduction of the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) Bill 2015 in the Parliament.

The Prime Minister of Pakistan has been pleased to approve the proposal of introduction of Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) Bill 2015 in the Parliament without prior reference to Federal Cabinet.

In pursuance of this approval, the subject draft Bill was submitted for consideration by the Parliament, through the Law, Justice and Human Rights Division and Parliamentary Affairs.

The National Assembly has passed the Pakistan Halal Authority (PHA) Bill 2015 on 07-12-2015. Approval of the Senate is now awaited.

## Impact

Establishment of Pakistan Halal Authority will help in promoting imports and exports, trade and commerce with foreign countries and inter-provincial trade and commerce in Halal articles and processes.

Case 6/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015	No.CCI.	NEPRA's Annual Report 2012-13 and State of Industry Report 2013.
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The Chairman, NEPRA gave a detailed presentation on the NEPRA Annual Report 2012-13 and State of Industry Report 2013. He further informed that the overall performance of NEPRA during the last Financial Year when the country witness severe power crisis could not be terms as satisfactory.

The CCI considered and discussed in detail both the Reports and expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of NEPRA and directed that creation of entities in the public sector should be avoided in future and accelerate action required to announce upfront tariff immediately, also on the NEPRA's website. Moreover, the Ministry of Water and Power was directed to ensure implementation of CCI decision in Case No.CCI.9/3/2012 whereby the performance audit and diagnostic analysis of NEPRA should be conducted to curtail the administrative and technical constraints.

## Implementation Status

NEPRA has informed that a final draft report on Diagnostic Analysis and Audit of the Regulatory Framework of NEPRA, prepared by Implementation and Economic Reforms Unit (IERU), Finance Division in consultation with cabinet Division and Ministry of Water & Power, has been prepared and is currently being analyzed in the Cabinet Division. The same has also been shared with NEPRA & Ministry of Water & Power for their views/comments. After incorporating their views/comments, the final report will be placed before the Council of Common Interests (CCI) soon.

### Impact

The diagnostic analysis and audit of regulatory framework of NEPRA in accordance with CCI directions will help the Authority to improve its performance and regulatory framework.

<b>Case</b> 7/1/2015 <b>Dated 18.03.2015</b>	<b>No.CCI.</b>	<b>Short Supplies of Water in Pat feeder and Khirther Canals</b>
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The Government of Balochistan raised the issue of "**Short Supplies of Water in Pat feeder and Khirther Canals**" prescribed according to share of the provinces before CCI but since the Chief Minister Balochistan could not participate in the meeting, the item was deferred.

### Implementation Status

Deferred

<b>Case</b> 8/1/2015 <b>Dated 18.03.2015</b>	<b>No.CCI.</b>	<b>Matters pertaining to Higher Education in Post-Eighteenth Amendment Scenario</b>
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The Secretary CCI informed the forum that the Government of Sindh has highlighted this issue of functioning of Higher Education Commission (HEC) after 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment, 2010. According to them, the functions of HEC have been devolved to the provinces but at the federal level the institution is still working. The CCI considered the summary dated 12-02-2015 submitted by Government of Sindh and decided to set up a Committee comprising of Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, Minister for IPC, Chairman, HEC, Chief Ministers of Provinces or their representatives, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training and Secretary, Finance Division, to look into the matters pertaining to Higher Education in post 18th amendment scenario and similar bodies in the provinces and provide a comprehensive report for the redressal of the grievances of

the provinces in the next meeting of the CCI. Further, this committee will also consider various other issues being faced in the wake of 18th constitutional amendment particularly the matters relating to international commitments.

### **Implementation Status**

The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training stated that the first meeting of the committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms has been held on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. However, due to the absence of representatives from Punjab and Sindh provinces, no effective deliberation could be done. The Chairman directed to ensure participation of provincial representatives in the next meeting of the Committee for meaningful discussion on the issue.

### **Impact**

Impact analysis will be done after a final decision is taken.

<b>Case No.CCI.9/1/2015 Dated 18.03.2015</b>	<b>Amendment in Indus River System Authority (IR' A) Act, 1992</b>
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The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa invited the attention of the CCI towards this issue and informed the forum that due to lack of infrastructure/ reservoirs in KPK, its share of water is being utilized by other provinces and therefore they may be compensated in lieu of the use of water by the other provinces. The CCI deliberated upon the issue and decided to set up a Committee comprising of Secretary, Water & Power, Secretary, Planning, Development & Reform and representatives of the Provincial Governments and IRSA to be chaired by the Minister of Water and Power to look into this matter and other related issues of compensation etc. and come forward with feasible and mutually acceptable proposals.

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### **Implementation Status**

Implemented. Ministry of Water & Power has stated that the issue was discussed in the first meeting of the Committee held on June 23, 2015 and it was finally decided that the Province should develop its infrastructure to tap its full share instead of asking for amendment in IRSA's Act of 1992.

### **Impact**

After this decision, the provinces will pay special attention to construct water reservoirs and related infrastructure to effectively utilize their share of water in the system. This step will ultimately translate into speedy growth of their respective economies.

### **3.3 LIST OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF CCI MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18, 2015**

#### **Federation**

1. Pir. Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi, Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistani, and HRD
2. Lt. General (Retd.) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Federal Minister for States and Frontier Regions
3. Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony

#### **Provinces**

1. Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab
2. Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Chief Minister Sindh
3. Mr. Pervez Khattak, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

#### **By Special Invitation**

1. Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination
2. Mr. Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, EAD, Statistics & Privatization
3. Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Water & Power
4. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development and Reform
5. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Science and Technology
6. Mr. Jam Kamal Khan, Minister of State for Petroleum & NR
7. Syed Murad Ali Shah, Advisor for Finance to C.M Sindh
8. Sardar Muhammad Aslam Bizenjo, Minister for Power, Govt. of Balochistan
9. Mr. Babar Yaqoob Fateh Muhammad, Secretary, Cabinet Division
10. Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary, Finance Division
11. Mr. Hassan Nawaz Tarar, Secretary, Planning Development and Reform Division

12. Justice ® Muhammad Raza Khan, Secretary, Law & Justice Division
13. Mr. Mohammad Younus Dagha, Secretary, Water & Power Division
14. Mr. Arshad Mirza, Secretary, Petroleum & NR Division
15. Syed Khurshid Alam Bokhari, Secretary, Statistics Division
16. Mr. Shahid Khan, Secretary, Interior Division
17. Mr. Kamrarn Ali Qureshi, Secretary, Science and Technology Division
18. Raja Hassan Abbas, Secretary, Industries and Production Division
19. Mr. Muhammad Imtiaz Tajwar Secretary, Federal Education & Prof. Training Division
20. Mr. Khizer Hayat Gondal, Chief Secretary Punjab
21. Mr. Muhammad Siddique Memon, Chief Secretary Sindh
22. Mr. Amjad Ali Khan, Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhawah
23. Brig. ® Tariq Saddozai, Chairman NEPRA
24. Mr. Raqib Khan, Chairman IRSA
25. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman, HEC

**CCI Secretariat**

1. Mr. Muhammad Ejaz Chaudhry, Secretary, IPC Division
2. Mr. Aftab Ahmed Jamal, Joint Secretary (CCI)
3. Mr. Shahzad Iqbal, Project Director, IPC Division
4. Dr. Qazi Mujtaba Kamal, Deputy Secretary (CCI)
5. Mr. Amir Muhammad Khan Niazi, Deputy Secretary (IPC)
6. Mrs. Saima Mukhtar, Section Officer (CCI)
7. Mrs. Saima Farouqi, Section Officer (Committee)
8. Mr. Gohar Habib, APS
9. Syed Mudassar Hussain Shah, Steno typist

10. Mr. Farhan Ch., Assistant
11. Mr. Irfan Ahmed, LDC
12. Mr. Umar Draz, Cabinet Attendant, Cabinet Division

**Abbreviations:**

AJ&K	Azad Jammu and Kashmir
CCI	Council of Common Interests
CLL	Concurred Legislation List
Cr PC	Criminal Procedure Code
EAD	Economic Affairs Division
FLL	Federal Legislation List
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
HTP	Health & Town Planning Department
IERU	Implementation and Economic Reforms Unit
KPK	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
LG&RD	Local Government and Rural Development
NEC	National Economic Council
NEPRA	National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
OGDCL	Oil and Gas Development Corporation Limited
OGRA	Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority
P&D	Planning and Development
PBS	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics
PPL	Pakistan Petroleum Limited
SSGCL	Sui Southern Gas Corporation Limited