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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(Defence Division)

NOTIFICATION

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S. R. O. 1297(I)/2023.—In pursuance of the reorganization and for efficient working of Pakistan Armed Services Board, the Federal Government is pleased to notify the Powers and Functions of Pakistan Armed Services Board as under:—

POWERS AND FUNCTIONS
OF
PAKISTAN ARMED SERVICES BOARD

1. **General.**—*The Pakistan Armed Services Board is an apolitical body that deals with the post retirement welfare and rehabilitation and looks after the interest of Ex-servicemen, their dependents, NoKs of Shuhada and to facilitate serving personnel of Armed Forces in their civil capacity.*

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2. Definitions.—

- (a) **Central Board.**—Central Board is the *regulating* body of Pakistan Armed Services Board as constituted under Clause 3.
- (b) **Civil Capacity.**—Means inherent and inalienable constitutional and statutory rights of Serving or retired Personnel and their families requiring Pakistan Armed Service Board *assistance or facilitation*.
- (c) **Director General.**—The Director General is the Executive Head of Pakistan Armed Service Board and work as Secretary to Central Board and its working committee.
- (d) **District Armed Services Boards.**—District Armed Services Boards are constituted at district level under the Authority of Pakistan Armed Services Board as per *clause 8(d)*.
- (e) **Ex-Servicemen.**—*The term Ex-servicemen means a person(s), who has served in any rank whether as Combatant or non-combat in the Armed Forces of Pakistan (Military, Navy and Air Force) and who has;*
- (1) *Retired, released, resigned or discharged from such service after earning his or her pension; or*
 - (2) *been released from such service on medical grounds attributed during service or circumstances beyond his control and awarded medical or other disability pension; or*
 - (3) *been released from such service as a result of reduction in establishment.*
- Explanation: A person who is / has been dismissed or removed from the service due to fault or any other reasons is not considered as ex-serviceman.*
- (f) **Post retirement welfare/ Facilitation in Rehabilitation.**—Means welfare and rehabilitation of ex-servicemen through other measures but not limited to directly or indirectly with the tri-services welfare regimes.
- (g) **Pakistan Armed Service Board.**—Refer to Pakistan Armed Services Board comprising of Central Board and its working committee, and Provincial and District Armed Services Boards as constituted here under.

- (h) **PASB Secretariat.**—Means the main controlling office of Pakistan Armed Services Board as constituted under clause 7.
- (i) **Provincial Armed Services Boards.**—Provincial Armed Services Boards are constituted at Province level as per clause 8(c).
- (j) **Working Committee.**—Means a committee to execute/ implement Central Board policies and constituted under clause 5.

3. **Central Board.**—(1) The Central Board of Pakistan Armed Services Board shall consist of the following:—

Chairman

Minister, Ministry of Defence

Members

Secretary Ministry of Defence
Chairman Joint Chief of Staff Committee or designated member Chief of the Army Staff or designated member
Chief of the Naval Staff or designated member
Chief of the Air Staff or designated member
Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of Interior
Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance
Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination
Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services Regulations and Coordination
Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.
Secretary/Additional Secretary, Ministry of Law & Justice
Secretary Establishment Division
One retired officer from each service (nominated by Secretary Ministry of Defence)
(The board may invite any other Secretary/ Additional Secretary of any Ministry, if the agenda of the meeting so required).

Secretary

Director General, Pakistan Armed Services Board
(Additional Secretary, Defence and Financial Adviser Defence will be in attendance)

(2) **The meeting of the Central Board shall be called by the Secretary of the Board, at least once a year or at any such date and time as may be specified by the Chairman.**

4. Functions of Central Board.—(1) The Central Board is responsible for policy functions and decisions related to welfare/rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen, their dependents/NoKs of Shuhada, serving Personnel in their civil capacity, Ex-servicemen Associations in the performance of their functions and other matters related to Ex-servicemen at national and Provincial/District level.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the functions conferred by clause 8(a), the Central Board may for the purpose of carrying out the tasks of Pakistan Armed Services Board will:—

- (a) Approve policy guidelines for the welfare and facilitation in rehabilitation of Ex-Servicemen.
- (b) Approve policy decisions and guidelines for administration, conduct and regulation of Ex-servicemen Associations, Organizations, Trusts etc. in the performance of their functions.
- (c) Approve Rules and Regulations as formulated or proposed by working committee.
- (d) Coordinate with line ministries for welfare of Ex-servicemen and their dependents, NoKs of Shuhada and serving personnel in their civil capacity.
- (e) Approve new policies and peruse pension and other welfare matters in close coordination with respective services.
- (f) Ensure and review availability and utilization of 10% Quota for Ex-Servicemen, their dependents, NoKs of Shuhada, in all matters of welfare including but not limited to Education, Employment and Health etc.

(3) The Central Board will execute its functions through the Working Committee constituted under clause 5.

5. Working Committee.—(1) There is a Working Committee of the Central Board, composed as under:—

Chairman

Secretary, Ministry of Defence

Members

Additional Secretary Army, Navy and Air Force

Director Generals of Welfare and Re-habilitation Directorate of Army,
Navy and Air Force

Financial Advisor, Ministry of Defence

Secretary

Director General, Pakistan Armed Services Board

(The working committee may invite any other Representative of
respective service, if the agenda of the meeting so required.)

(2) The meeting of the working committee shall be called twice a year
by the Secretary of the working committee, or at any such date and time as may
be specified by the Chairman of the working committee.

6. Functioning of Working Committee.—(1) The Working
Committee to deal with all important aspects related to the welfare of ex-
servicemen and serving personnel in their civil capacity. Working Committee
will issue policy guidelines, monitor and execute functions of Pakistan Armed
Service Board in line with but not limited to the functions conferred by clause
8(a). The Working Committee will also perform the following functions:—

- (a) Formulate and issue Welfare and Rehabilitation policies of
Ex-servicemen.
- (b) Administration, organization and Budgetary control of
National, Provincial and District Armed Services Boards.
- (c) Formulate policy guidelines for issuance of NOC for
registration of legal entities, organizations, associations and
trusts with mandate of welfare of Ex-servicemen.
- (d) Establishing New Provincial/ District Armed Service Boards
where required.
- (e) Regulate conduct of Ex-Servicemen Associations, legal
entities, organizations, trusts etc. including issuance of NOC
for their registration and their effective utilization for the
object of ex-servicemen welfare.

- (f) Process memberships of International Veteran Federations and Associations.
- (g) Assistance at National/ Provincial/ District level for resolving pension, other welfare matters related issues of ex-servicemen.
- (h) Monitor and implementation of 10% quota for Ex-Servicemen, their dependents, NoKs of Shuhada, in Federal, Provincial Governments, Semi- Government and Civil Sectors/ Organizations.
- (i) Extension of Government schemes to Ex-servicemen for welfare purpose:

Provided that all the major policy decision shall be made by the Central Board on the recommendations of Working Committee.

7. **PASB Secretariat.**—(1) There is a PASB Secretariat for the overall control of PASB, and its allied functions. Secretariat will be composed of Director General PASB as the Head, four members, staff and other relevant persons as required for the functioning of the secretariat as per the Ministry of Defence Regulations.

8. **Pakistan Armed Services Board.**—The Pakistan Armed Services Board consisted of central board and working committee which will perform its functions through its sub-ordinate boards at provincial and district levels.

- (a) **Functions of PASB.**—The basic functions of the Pakistan Armed Services Board are as under:—
 - (1) Welfare and facilitate rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen.
 - (2) Maintain close and effective liaison for the purpose of resettlement and maximizing employment of ex-servicemen with relevant ministries, divisions, departments and all private welfare bodies and organizations.
 - (3) Facilitate rehabilitation, re-settlement and re-employment of Ex-servicemen in coordination with services Headquarters.
 - (4) Administration, organization and Budgetary control of National, Provincial and District Armed Services Boards.

- (5) Regulations and Conduct of Ex-Servicemen Associations in consultation with working committee including process of NOC after getting approval from Working Committee for registration of any such organization.
 - (6) Regulate activities for ex-servicemen in consultation with working committee other than the one being dir managed by respective services on national occasions/ at provincial/ District level holding of ex-servicemen's reunions, rallies, combined forces Flag Days, in Consultation with respective services.
 - (7) Represent PASB at International Veteran Federations and Associations.
 - (8) Pursue petitions and complaints of ex-servicemen in coordination with services Headquarters.
 - (9) Facilitation of serving Armed Forces personnel in their civil capacity through coordination, assistance of National, Provincial and District administration.
 - (10) Arrange skill training including State sponsored training courses, vocational training programs, Job counseling and self-employment for ex-servicemen.
 - (11) Or any other matter ancillary to the above functions.
- (b) **Powers of DG PASB.**—(1) The Director General is the Executive Head of Pakistan Armed Services Board, appointed by the Central Board on the recommendations of working committee.
- (2) All policy matters are referred to him by the services headquarters and provincial boards, should be brought to the notice of Chairman working committee.
 - (3) The decision of the Chairman Pakistan Armed Service Board and Working Committee is issued through him to all concerned for the implementation of the policy relating to ex-servicemen **of the Armed Forces and their dependents/ NoKs of Shuhada** and serving personnel in their civil capacity.

- (4) As directed/ guided by Chairman Working Committee; He will exercise financial power and administrative functions of Armed Services Board, and will perform all other functions and exercise all other powers as prescribed by Regulations, Procedures and Policies made under clause 9 & 10.
- (c) **Provincial ASBs.**—The provincial armed services board will be constituted in each province:
- (1) The Provincial ASBs will act as coordinating agencies and are under the overall administrative control of the Central board.
 - (2) The composition of Provincial ASBs will be the President (head of the Provincial ASB), official members (serving civil and Armed Force Officers) and non-official member (retired Armed Force officer) and secretary Provincial ASB.
 - (3) The constitution, functions and powers of Provincial ASBs will be prescribed by Regulations, Procedures and Policies made under clause 9 & 10.
 - (4) The Provincial ASBs will perform their mandated tasks independently or through District Armed Services Boards (DASBs).
 - (5) The meeting of the Provincial ASBs shall be called half-yearly by the Secretary of the Provincial ASB, or at any such date and time as may be specified by the Director General of the Pakistan Armed Services Board.
- (d) **District ASBs (DASBs).**—The DASBs or Camp office (where necessary) will be constituted in each district under the control and command of Working Committee of Pakistan Armed Services Board:
- (1) The DASBs are the working units in the ambit and functions of Pakistan Armed Service Board.
 - (2) The DASBs will comprise of President, official members, (serving civil and Armed Force officers) and non-official members (retired Armed Force officers), secretary and welfare worker.

- (3) The constitution, functions and powers of DASBs will be prescribed by Regulations, Procedures and Polices made under clause 9 & 10.
- (4) The meeting of the DASBs shall be called quarterly by the Secretary of the DASB, or at any such date and time as may be specified by the Director General, Pakistan Armed Services Board.
- (5) To resolve Ex-servicemen petitions and to arrange legal counsels for Ex- servicemen and their families.

9. **Power to make Regulations and Procedures.**—The Working Committee subject to the approval of Central Board will make such Regulations and Procedures, as may be necessary for carrying out the purpose of Pakistan Armed Services Board.

10. **Power to Issue Policies.**—The Working Committee shall issue policies, guidelines or any other directives which is necessary for formation, organization and functions/duties of Provincial/District Armed Services Boards and the Ex-servicemen Associations, legal entities, organizations, trusts etc.

11. **Repeal and Saving.**—(1) All previous notifications issued in relation to Constitution and Functions of Pakistan Armed Services Board are hereby repealed.

(2) Any actions done or taken by or under the approval of the Pakistan Armed Services Board under previous notifications related to Constitution and Functions of Pakistan Armed Services board, before the publishing date of this notification, shall be deemed to have been validly done or have been taken under this notification.

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