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NOTIFICATION.

No.PAB/Legis:V(47)/2026/9636. The Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission Bill, 2026 (Bill No. 47 of 2026), having been passed by the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan on 13th April 2026, and assented to by the Governor Balochistan on 16th April 2026, is hereby published as an Act of the Provincial Assembly of Balochistan.

THE BALOCHISTAN OVERSEAS PAKISTANIS COMMISSION ACT, 2026

(ACT NO. V OF 2026.)

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ACT

to establish the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to establish the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission to receive and redress the grievances of overseas Pakistanis relating to Government Agencies; to refer complaints and suggestions of overseas Pakistanis to the concerned government agencies, and to deal with ancillary matters;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

Short title, extent and commencement.

1. (1) This Act may be called as the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission Act, 2026.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Balochistan.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Definitions.

2. In this Act:
 - (a) **“Act”** means the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission Act, 2026;
 - (b) **“Advisory Council”** means the Advisory Council constituted under this Act;
 - (c) **“Balochistan Overseas Pakistani”** means a person of Balochistan origin who is either permanently or temporarily settled outside Pakistan:
 - (i) for employment; or
 - (ii) for carrying on a business or vocation; or
 - (iii) for any other purpose with intention to stay outside Pakistan for an unspecified period;
- (a) **“Commission”** means the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission (BOPC);
- (b) **“Commissioner”** means the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commissioner;

- (c) **“Committee”** means a District Overseas Pakistani Committee, constituted under this Act;
- (d) **→Complaint→** includes any grievance lodged with the Commission or the Commissioner, by an Overseas Pakistani, or a complaint taken up by the Commission or Commissioner on its own motion regarding grievance of an Overseas Pakistani;
- (e) **“District”** means a district notified under Balochistan Land Revenue Act, 1967 (XVII of 1967);
- (f) **“Department”** means the Government of Balochistan, Labour & Manpower Department;
- (g) **“Government”** means Government of Balochistan;
- (h) **“Government Agency”** means a department, attached department or special institution of the Government, a local government, or a body corporate owned or controlled or regulated by the Government or a local government;
- (i) **“Inquiry”** means an inquiry into any complaint conducted by the Commission or the Commissioner or the Committee;
- (j) **“Ombudsperson”** means the Ombudsperson appointed under Section 3 of the “Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Balochistan, Ordinance 2001 (Ordinance No. VI of 2001);
- (k) **“Prescribed”** means prescribed by the rules; *and*
- (l) **“Rules”** means the rules made under the Act.

Commission.

3. (1) There shall be a Commission to be known as the Balochistan Overseas Pakistanis Commission to be notified by the Department in the official Gazette.

(2) The Commission shall consist of the Chief Minister who shall be its Chairperson, and having the following members: -

(a)	Minister for Labour & Manpower Department	Member
(b)	Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan	Member
(c)	Senior Member, Board of Revenue	Member
(d)	Additional Chief Secretary, Home Department	Member
(e)	Additional Chief Secretary, (P&DD)	Member
(f)	Inspector General of Police, Balochistan	Member
(g)	Secretary, Labour & Manpower Department	Member
(h)	Secretary, Industries Department	Member
(i)	Secretary, Science and Information Technology	Member
(j)	Chairman/CEO Balochistan Board of Investment & Trades	Member
(k)	Advocate General Balochistan	Member
(l)	Prosecutor General Balochistan	Member

(m)	Five members of the Balochistan Assembly, including at least two female members of the Assembly to be nominated by the Speaker preferably from those districts having a large number of Overseas Pakistanis	Member
(n)	Five members including two female members from the private sector, to be nominated by the Chairperson, having experience in issues relating to Overseas Pakistanis, and two members from Overseas Pakistanis	Member
(o)	Commissioner	Member/Secretary

(3) In the absence of the Chairperson, the Minister for Labour & Manpower Department or any other Member of the Commission, nominated by the Chairperson, shall act as Vice-Chairperson and preside over the meetings of the Commission.

(4) The non-official members of the Commission shall serve for a term of three years; however, they shall hold office during the pleasure of the Chairperson.

(5) If the seat of a non-official member becomes vacant during the term of his office, vacancy may be filled by the Chairperson and the member so appointed shall hold office for the residue of such term or till the pleasure of the Chairperson.

(6) One third of the total members including the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Commission.

(7) An ex-officio member may be represented in the meeting by an officer of the department or organization not below the rank of an Additional Secretary.

(→) The Commission shall meet at such time and place and shall observe such procedure in regard to transaction of business at its meetings as may be prescribed and until so prescribed as may be directed by the Chairperson.

Functions of the Commission.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and Rules, the Commission may exercise such powers and perform such functions as may be necessary for carrying out purposes of the Act.

(2) The Commission shall:

(a) review annual reports about the working of the Commissioner and give necessary directions;

(b) review performance of the Commissioner and pass appropriate orders;

(c) liaise between the Commissioner and a Government Agency;

(d) develop criteria for constitution of Advisory Council;

(e) nominate members of the Advisory Council;

(f) nominate members of the Committees;

(g) resolve matters relating to conflict, if any, between the Commissioner and a Government Agency;

(h) notify such number of Committees as may be deemed appropriate

by the Government; *and*

- (i) with the consent of the Chief Justice, Balochistan High Court, notify one or more Courts as Special Courts for Overseas Pakistanis for speedy trial of the cases of Overseas Pakistanis.

(3) The Commission may, by notification, delegate all or any of its powers to the Vice Chairperson or the Commissioner on such conditions as may be determined by the Commission to ensure smooth functioning of the Commission.

Advisory Council.

5. (1) The Advisory Council shall consist of such number of Overseas Pakistanis from different countries as may be determined by the Commission, for taking appropriate action under this Act.

(2) The Advisory Council shall make recommendations on redressal of grievances of Overseas Pakistanis and forward such recommendations to the Commissioner.

Commissioner.

6. The Chief Minister shall appoint a Commissioner from amongst officers of the Government having basic pay scale 19 or above, to perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be prescribed and until so prescribed as may be determined by the Chief Minister.

Functions of the Commissioner.

7. (1) The Commissioner shall:
 - (a) transmit a complaint received from an Overseas Pakistani to a Government Agency for redressal;
 - (b) make recommendations for policy changes, improvements in the system to the Government or Federal Government on the basis of feedback received from an Advisory Council or the overseas Pakistanis;

- (c) be authorized to refer any complaint of an Overseas Pakistani to the Ombudsperson contained in the Establishment of the Office of Ombudsman for the Province of Balochistan Ordinance 2001 (Ordinance No. VI of 2001);
- (d) recommend disciplinary action against public servants who do not send reply to the Commissioner within thirty days of the receipt of reference from the Commission;
- (e) recommend initiation of anti-corruption proceedings against a public servant where, on the basis of preliminary findings, a prima facie case for criminal action under the relevant law is made out in relation to protection of rights of an Overseas Pakistani;
- (f) refer the proposals of Overseas Pakistanis relating to investment to the *Balochistan* Board of Investment and Trade and ensure their early processing of such proposals;
- (g) prepare an annual report about the performance of the Commissioner for consideration and appropriate action by the Commission;
- (h) hold consultative conventions or workshops involving Overseas Pakistanis;
- (i) deal with references received from an Advisory Council on priority basis; *and*
- (j) perform any other function ancillary to any of the above functions or as may be prescribed.

(2) If the Commissioner has referred any complaint under subsection (1) to a Government Agency, the Government Agency shall, within a period not exceeding thirty days, send its response to the Commissioner.

Focal persons.

↩ Every Government Agency shall appoint senior officers as focal persons to liaise with the office of the Commissioner for monitoring and disposal of matters relating to Overseas Pakistanis.

Committees.

↳ (1) There shall be Districts Overseas Pakistanis Committees in each district as may be deemed appropriate by the Chairperson of the Commission and notified in the official gazette, consisting of:

- (a) Chairperson of the Committee to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Commission;
- (b) Deputy Commissioner or Additional Deputy Commissioner, as the case may be, as Vice Chairperson of the Committee;
- (c) two persons as non-official members to be nominated by the Chairperson of the Commission for a term of three years, who shall hold office till the pleasure of the Chairperson of the Commission;
- (d) District Police Officer or the head of Police in district, as the case may be as member; *and*
- (e) Assistant Commissioner as secretary/member of the Committee.

(2) A District Committee may co-opt any other officer of the Government posted in the district as a member of the Committee.

(3) Four members including Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall constitute the quorum for a meeting of the Committee.

(4) The Committee shall meet at such time and place and shall observe such procedure in regard to transaction of business at its meetings as may be prescribed and until so prescribed as may be directed by the Commission.

(5) In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall preside over the meeting.

Functions of the Committees.

10. (1) A Committee shall:
- (a) scrutinize, process, transmit or make recommendations on the complaints of the Overseas Pakistanis in the prescribed manner;
 - (b) hold inquiries into the complaints to ascertain the facts thereof;
 - (c) inspect the record of any Government Agency within their jurisdiction;
 - (d) summon and enforce the attendance of any person within their jurisdiction;
 - (e) require the production of any document and record the statement;
 - (f) authorize any officer of the Committee for the examination of document and record statement;
 - (g) recommend to any Government Agency or a public servant to hold an inquiry into a complaint and furnish report to the Committee;

- (h) make recommendations in accordance with the relevant laws and the rules for implementation by the concerned Government agencies; *and*
- (i) send progress reports and suggestions for improvement in the system to the Commissioner.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner may exercise all or any of the powers and perform functions as hereinafter given to the Committees under this Act till the time such Committees are notified.

**Additional
Commissioner.**

11. The Chief Minister shall appoint an Additional Commissioner from amongst officers of the Government having basic pay scale 18 and above, to perform such functions and exercise such powers as may be prescribed or, until so prescribed, as may be determined by the Chief Minister.

**Employees of the
Commission**

12. The Commission may employ such number of officers, officials, advisors, consultants, auditors and other employees as may be necessary for the efficient performance of its functions through hiring, initial recruitment, transfer, contract, daily wages or on deputation in such manner and on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed, or until so prescribed, as may be determined by the Government.

Arbitration.

13. (1) On the application of a party or on his own motion, but with the consent of the other parties, the Commissioner may resolve a complaint/grievance through arbitration between the parties or appoint a team of two arbitrators, one each from amongst the persons nominated by the parties.

(2) The proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Act, 1940 (X of 1940).

- Punishment for false information by the complainant.**
14. (1) If a person lodges a complaint based on fake or forged information or tempered documents, he shall be liable to simple imprisonment which may extend to six months or fine which may extend to one million rupees or both.
- (2) The offence under this section shall be cognizable by a Court of Judicial Magistrate 1st class on a complaint in writing by the Commissioner or a person nominated by him.
- (3) The court shall conduct the summary trial of an offence under this Act in accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXII of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (V of 1898) relating to the summary trials.
- Implementation of recommendations.**
15. (1) All Government Agencies shall implement the recommendations of the Commission, the Commissioner and any of the Committees, within thirty days of the receipt of such recommendations.
- (2) In case of defiance of the recommendations, the Commission, the Commissioner or a Committee shall recommend disciplinary action against the delinquent public servant to the concerned competent authority under the relevant disciplinary laws.
- Representation.**
16. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Committee or the Commissioner may make a representation within (30) thirty days, before the Secretary, Labour & Manpower Department, who may hear and decide such representation.
- Bar of jurisdiction.**
17. No court shall entertain a suit, application or other proceeding in respect of a complaint under inquiry with the Commission, Commissioner or a Committee.
- Overriding effect.**
- 14- The provisions of this Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent

contained in any other law for the time being in force.

- Removal of difficulties.** 14. The Government, may, by order, provide for the removal of any difficulty which may arise in giving effect to the provisions of this Act.
- Indemnity.** 20. No suit, prosecution or any other legal proceedings shall lie against an officer or servant of the Commission in respect of anything done or intended to be done by him in good faith under this Act.
- Directions of the Government.** 21. The Government may, by general or special order, issue directions regarding day to day working of the Commissioner.
- Power to make Rules.** 22. The Government may, within a year, by notification in the official Gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

TAHIR SHAH KAKAR

Secretary.

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