

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL**



**ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24**

**ON**

**THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS**

**Under Article 153 (4) of the Constitution**

**of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan**

**SECRETARIAT OF COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS**

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## PREFACE

I consider it my privilege to prepare the fourteenth report of the Council of Common Interests for presentation before both the Houses of the Parliament under Article 153 (4) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

2. The Council of Common Interests (CCI) is a constructional forum set up under Article 153 of the Constitution. The Federal and Provincial Governments have been provided equal representation in running the affairs of the CCI. The Council is headed by the Prime Minister as its Chairman, the Chief Ministers of Provinces and three members from the Federal Government nominated by the Prime Ministers, as its members.

3. In terms of Article 154 of the Constitution, the function of the CCI is to formulate and regulate policies on matters in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List and exercise supervision and control over related institutions. As such, Articles 153 and 154 have been incorporated for the protection of the interests of Federating Units and to ensure effective participation of the Provincial Government in important affairs of the Federation.

4. Article 155 of the Constitution extends the purview of CCI on resolution of a dispute among federation and the federating units or area's governments regarding their rights on water from any natural source and authorizes the Federal or the Provincial Government concerned to make a complaint to CCI. The CCI can either decide or recommend the President to set up a Commission consisting of persons having knowledge and experience in irrigation, engineering, administration, finance and law under the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956.

5. Article 157 while authorizing Federal Government to construct a hydro-electric or thermal power installation in any province in consultation with that province also authorizes the Provincial Governments to draw bulk supply from National Grid for transmission and distribution within the province, levy taxes on consumption, construct power houses and grid stations and lay transmission lines and also to determine electricity tariff within the Province. In case of any dispute in the matter, the Federal or Provincial Government can approach the CCI for resolution of the dispute.

6. During the Year 2023-24, two meetings of Council were held i.e. on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Various agenda items of national importance were considered and decided in these meetings with consultation of all stakeholders. This Annual Report comprises of five chapters. Chapters 1 to 3 consist of Constitutional Provisions, Institutional History, and Rules of Procedure of the CCI, while Chapters 4 and 5 pertain to CCI's decisions and implementation status.

7. The Annual Report for the Year 2023-24 is hereby laid before the Senate and the National Assembly, in terms of Article 153 (4) of the Constitution.

**Omer Rasul**  
Secretary, CCI

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In terms of Article 154 of the Constitution, the function of the Council of Common Interests is to formulate and regulate policies on matters in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List and exercise supervision and control over related institutions. Composition of the Council is provided in the Article 153(2). The Council consists of the Prime Minister as its Chairman, the Chief Ministers of the Provinces and three members from the Federal Government nominated by the Prime Minister from time to time.

2. Articles 153 and 154 of the Constitution have been designed to safeguard the interests of the Federation and the Federating Units and to ensure effective participation of the Provincial Government in important affairs of the Federation. The objective is to generate sense of participation among the Federating Units on issues of national importance referred to in the above Articles, and to resolve any dispute arising between one or more Federating Units inter se or between the Federation and a Federating Unit.

3. Article 155 of the Constitution extends the purview of CCI on resolution of a dispute among federation and the federating units or area's governments regarding their rights on water from any natural source and authorizes the Federal or the Provincial Government concerned to make a complaint to CCI. The CCI can either decide or recommend the President to set up a Commission consisting of persons having knowledge and experience in irrigation, engineering, administration, finance and law under the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1956.

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5. In CCI, the Federation and Federating Units deliberate upon the issues of national importance and resolve them amicably, with the decision of the majority. It is a forum for promoting national cohesion and harmony and to resolve the

differences between the Federal and the Provincial Governments on the matters relating to the Federation.

6. As a consequence of the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment, the CCI has become a pivotal forum for promoting national cohesion and harmony between stakeholders by resolving issues of national importance. Important subjects related to the Federation have been included in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List. These include, (i) Electricity, (ii) Major ports, (iii) All regulatory authorities established under a Federal Law; (iv) National planning and national economic coordination including planning and coordination of scientific and technological research, (v) Supervision and management of public debt, (vi) Census, (vii) Legal, medical and other professions, (viii) Standards in institutions for higher education and research, (ix) scientific and technical institutions, and (x) Inter-provincial matters and co-ordination.

7. During the Year 2023-24, two meetings of Council were held i.e. on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 and 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024. Various agenda items of national importance were considered and decided in these meetings with due consultation of all stakeholders. The important matters considered were:

- Results of 7th Population and Housing Census-2023 (The Digital Census)
- Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012
- Tight Gas Exploration and Production Policy 2024
- Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012 (Sale of gas to third party)
- Execution of Miran Petroleum Concession Agreement (PCA) with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Oil & gas company limited (KPOGCL) Pursuant to 43rd CCI decision dated 11-Nov-2020

## COMPOSITION OF CCI

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
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Islamabad, the 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

### NOTIFICATION

No.1(2)/2010-CCI. In exercise of the powers conferred under Article 153 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the President on the advice of the Prime Minister, has re-constituted the Council of Common Interests, with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, as follows:-

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.	Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives	Member
7.	Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister for Commerce	Member
8.	Khawaja Saad Rafique, Minister for Railways & Aviation	Member

2. This supersedes Inter-Provincial Coordination Division's Notification No.1(2)/2010-CCI dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.

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4.	The Chief Minister, Punjab	Member
5.	The Chief Minister, Sindh	Member
6.	Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance & Revenue	Member
7.	Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad, Minister for Privatization	Member
8.	Mr. Ahmad Irfan Aslam, Minister for Law & Justice	Member

2. This supersedes Secretariat of CCI's Notification of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022.

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Article 153(4) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan states that the CCI Council shall be responsible to Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) and shall submit an Annual Report to both Houses of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).

2. During the Year 2023-24, two meetings of the Council of Common Interests were held. Important agenda items of national importance including Census were considered and decided by the Council in consultation to all stakeholders.

3. To accomplish task & constitutional obligations, I acknowledge the inputs and efficiency of the officers and officials of CCI Secretariat in convening such high-level meetings graced by the highest political leadership of the country and on account of compiling this Annual Report. In this regard, I would like to thank my team in CCI Secretariat comprising Mr. Abu Zafar Sadiq, Joint Secretary, Mr. Azmat Ali and Syed Mudassar Hussain Shah, Section Officers, along with their ancillary staff.

**Omer Rasul**  
Secretary, CCI

Islamabad , 2024

**ABBREVIATIONS**

CCI	Council of Common Interests
ECNEC	Executive Committee of National Economic Council
ECC	Economic Coordination Committee
E&P	Exploration and Production
FLL	Federal Legislative List
KPOGCL	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Oil and Gas Company Limited
OGRA	Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority
PBS	Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

**CHAPTER-1**

**CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS  
REGARDING  
COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS**

## 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 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

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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*

**INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY**



## **INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY**

**8.1** The Article 130 of Constitution of 1956 provided for Inter-Provincial Council. The Constitution of 1962 totally ignored the need of any such forum and refrained from the very use of the word 'Federal'. The Constitution of 1973 created the Council of Common Interests (CCI) to 'conform to the spirit of federalism'.

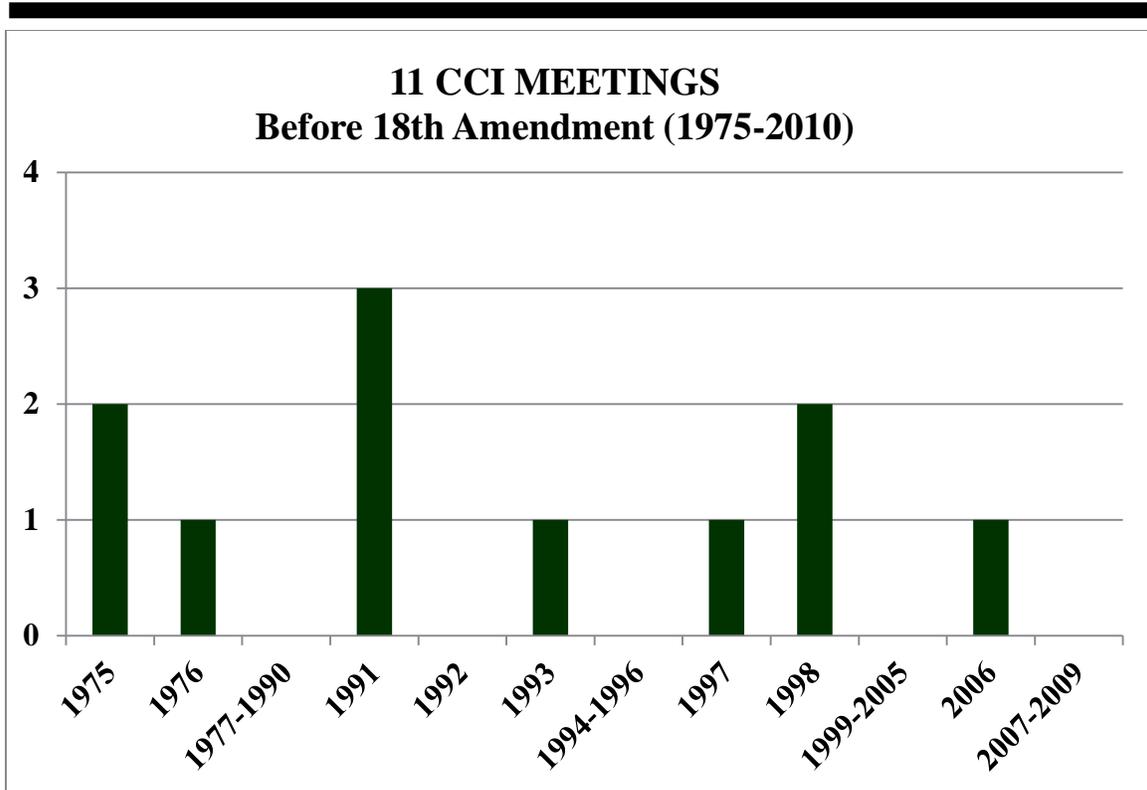
**8.2** In the scheme of Pakistani federalism, the Council of Common Interests was created in 1973 to harmonize federal-provincial relations and bolster national unity & cohesion. It was a new approach towards addressing Federal-Provincial issues after bitter experiences of one unit characterized by highly centralized decision making and denial of provincial rights which led to East Pakistan tragedy in 1971. Even after this woeful episode, the Pakistani federal experience had been marred by continued conflicts and crisis between the Federation and Provinces for greater autonomy and control over natural resources. It is in this context that the 18th Constitutional Amendment has tried to reform and restructure the Council of Common Interests to promote a culture of participatory federalism.

**8.3** The 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment made two major headways: (i) it expanded the scope of Federal Legislative List-II and (ii) it revitalized the composition of the Council of Common Interests. In the new scenario, the Council of Common Interests has emerged as one of the most important forum in the federal institutional framework. It is envisaged to become an effective dispute resolution, national policy and planning forum to further the cause of participatory federalism.

**8.4** Since its creation in 1973, the Council of Common Interests has been a less utilized constitutional body till the passage of 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment in 2010. Before the Constitution and institutions flowing out of it could solve federal-provincial issues, it was held in abeyance in 1977 owing to martial law, and in 1985 through the 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment its federal spirit was mutilated. In 1999, it was again put on hold and in 2003 vide 17<sup>th</sup> Amendment it was given a quasi-presidential form. As such, in the absence of constitutionality, the Council of Common Interests remained a dormant body.

**8.5** Since its inception in 1973, CCI could meet only 11 times up to 2010 as follows:-

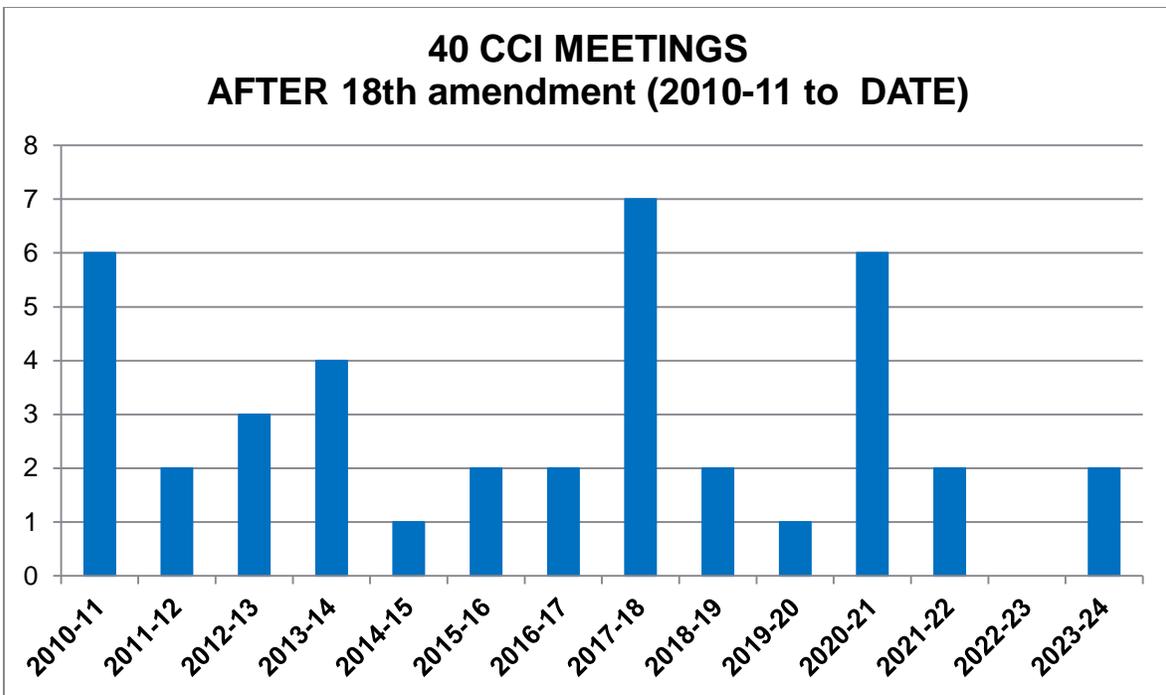
1 <sup>st</sup> meeting	August 7 – 9, 1975
2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	December 27–28, 1975
3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	December 31, 1976
4 <sup>th</sup> meeting	January 12, 1991
5 <sup>th</sup> meeting	March 21, 1991
6 <sup>th</sup> meeting	September 16, 1991
7 <sup>th</sup> meeting	September 12, 1993
8 <sup>th</sup> meeting	May 29, 1997
9 <sup>th</sup> meeting	May 9, 1998
10 <sup>th</sup> meeting	December 22, 1998
11 <sup>th</sup> meeting	August 6, 2006



**8.6** After the 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment in April 2010, the Council of Common Interests has held 40 meetings, the last being in January, 2024, and taken up dozens of issues of federal-provincial importance:-

12 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	July 18, 2010
13 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	September 6, 2010
14 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	November 8, 2010
15 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	February 1, 2011
16 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	April 28, 2011
17 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	June 1, 2011
18 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	August 27, 2011
19 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	February 9, 2012
20 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	August 8, 2012
21 <sup>st</sup> meeting	-	November 8, 2012
22 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	-	January 23, 2013
23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	-	July 23, 2013
24 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	July 31, 2013

25 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	February 10, 2014
26 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	May 29, 2014
27 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	March 18, 2015
28 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	February 29, 2016
29 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	March 25, 2016
30 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	December 16, 2016
31 <sup>st</sup> meeting	-	May 2, 2017
32 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	-	August 25, 2017
33 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	-	November 13, 2017
34 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	November 24, 2017
35 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	February 26, 2018
36 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	March 27, 2018
37 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	April 24, 2018
38 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	May 27, 2018
39 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	September 24, 2018
40 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	November 19, 2018
41 <sup>st</sup> meeting	-	December 23, 2019
42 <sup>nd</sup> meeting	-	August 6, 2020
43 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	-	November 11, 2020
44 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	April 7, 2021
45 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	April 12, 2021
46 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	June 17, 2021
47 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	June 21, 2021
48 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	September 6, 2021
49 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	January 13, 2022
50 <sup>th</sup> meeting	-	August 5, 2023
51 <sup>st</sup> meeting	-	January 29, 2024



**8.7** The increasing number of meetings and proactive approach after passage of 18<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment explains the efficacy of the CCI and functionality of the notion of 'shared responsibilities'. The rationale of the Council of Common Interests in the federal concept is continual Inter-Governmental Relations. In federal dispensation, the methods of such coordination, communication, cooperation and conflict resolution are often described as 'Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR)'.

**8.8** It is in this regard that a permanent secretariat of the Council has been established to fulfill the constitutional obligation of Article 154(3) of the Constitution, vide Cabinet Division's Notification dated 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021.



**CHAPTER - 3**

**RULES OF PROCEDURE OF CCI, 2010**

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# RULES OF PROCEDURE OF CCI, 2010 (Amended up to 22.04.2021)

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## PART-II

### Statutory Notifications (S. R. O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

### MINISTRY OF INTER PROVINCIAL COORDINATION

(IPC Division)

NOTIFICATION

*Islamabad, the 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2010*

**S.R.O. 741(I)/2010.**---In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 5 of Article 154 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Council of Common Interests is pleased to make the following Rules of Procedure, namely:--

### RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS

**1. Short Title and commencement.** – (1) These rules shall be called the Rules of Procedure of the Council of Common Interests, 2010.

(2). These rules shall come into force at once.

**2. Definitions.-** In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant to the subject or context;-

- (a) "Article" means an Article of the Constitution;
- (b) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council of Common Interests;
- (c) "Constitution" means the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan;
- (d) "Council" means the Council of Common Interests constituted under Article 153;
- (e) "department" means a department of a Provincial Government;
- (f) "Division" means a self-contained administrative unit of the Federal Government responsible for the conduct of its business in a distinct and specified sphere and declared as such by the Federal Government;
- (g) "Federal Government" means the Government of Pakistan;
- (h) "Provincial Government" means the Government of a Province;
- (i) "Secretariat" means the Secretariat of the Council established under rule 3;
- (j) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Council appointed under rule 3; and
- (k) "Schedule" means schedules to these rules.

**3. Secretariat of the Council.-**(1) There shall be a permanent Secretariat of the Council. The Chairman/Prime Minister shall appoint Secretary of the Council from amongst the serving BS-22 Civil Servants of the Federation.<sup>1</sup>

(2) The Secretary shall be the administrative head of the Secretariat of the Council and shall be responsible for its efficient functioning.

(3) The Secretary shall appoint such other officers and officials for the Secretariat, as he may think appropriate, in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Council:

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<sup>1</sup> Substituted vide M/o IPC's Notification No.1(1)/2010-CCI dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021.

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Provided that appointment to the posts in BS-20 and above shall be made with the approval of the Chairman:

Provided further that representation of all the Provinces and regions in the service of the Council shall be ensured on the basis of provincial and regional quotas.

(4) The Secretary shall also be the Principal Accounting Officer of the Secretariat of the Council.<sup>2</sup>

(5) The Secretary shall directly report to the Chairman of the Council/Prime Minister.<sup>3</sup>

**4. Functions of the Council.-** The Council shall formulate and regulate policies in respect of matters given in the Schedule I and shall exercise supervision and control over related institutions.

**5. Meetings of the Council.-** (1) The Chairman may summon the meetings of the Council, to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit.

(2) The Council shall meet at least once in ninety days:

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

(3) The meetings of the Council shall be attended by its members.

(4) The Chairman may permit any other Federal Minister, or a Provincial Minister and any official to attend the meeting of the Council by special invitation.

(5) In a meeting of the Council four members shall form the quorum; provided that at least two Chief Ministers are present:

Provided further that a matter relating to a Province shall not be discussed unless the Chief Minister of that Province is present in the meeting.

(6) No case shall be discussed nor any issue be raised in a meeting unless summary relating to it has first been circulated:

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<sup>2</sup> Inserted vide M/o IPC's Notification No.1(1)/2010-CCI dated 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021.

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Provided that the Chairman may dispense with this requirement in exceptional circumstances.

(7) Notice for the meeting shall ordinarily be issued at least ten working days in advance.

(8) For inclusion in the agenda of a meeting summary relating to the case shall reach the Secretary at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting:

Provided that, if a case is urgent and is required to be taken up at a short notice, the Secretary of Division or Chief Secretary of the concerned Province shall obtain approval of the Chairman for its inclusion in the agenda before it is transmitted to the Secretary.

(9) The Secretary of the Division or Chief Secretary of the Province concerned shall attend the meeting of the Council for the purpose of the case relating to his Division or Province. However, these officers may be asked to withdraw from the meeting before the Council starts discussion on the issue.

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

**6. Circulation and confirmation of minutes and decisions.-** The Secretary shall circulate to the members, within seven working days of the meeting, a copy of the minutes and decisions of the Council for perusal. The members shall return the aforesaid copy of the minutes and decisions to the Secretary within fifteen working days of issue. The Secretary shall also supply to the Secretary of the Division or the Chief Secretary of the Province concerned for action, a copy of the relevant decision of the Council, and wherever considered necessary, of the relevant excerpts of the points made during the discussion.

**7. Committees of the Council.-** The Council may constitute its standing committees or special committees laying down their terms of reference and membership.

**8. Procedure regarding Committees of the Council.-** Meetings of a Committee of the Council shall be convened by the chairperson of the Committee concerned who shall also preside over such meetings:

Provided that the procedure for the meetings of the Council shall apply

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mutatis mutandis for the meetings of the Committees except that the recommendations of the Committee shall be placed before the Council.

**9. Cases to be submitted to the Council.-** The Council shall consider the cases mentioned in Schedule-I of these rules or those notified by the Federal Government from time to time in the Gazette of Pakistan.

**10. Manner of submission of cases to the Council.-** The manner of submission of the cases before the Council and preparation of summaries therefor shall be as given in Schedule-II and Schedule-III to these rules, respectively or as notified by the Secretariat from time to time.

**11. Implementation of decisions of the Council.-** (1) When a case has been decided by the Council, the Federal Government or Provincial Government concerned shall take prompt action to give effect to the decision unless it conveys its intention to make reference to the Parliament within fifteen days of its communication.

(2) When the decision of the Council is received by the Secretary of the Division or the Chief Secretary of the concerned Province, he shall –

- (a) acknowledge the receipt of the decision in the form provided;
- (b) transmit the decision to his Division or Department for action;
- (c) keep a register with him of the decisions received, for the purpose of ensuring that prompt and complete action is taken on those decisions; and
- (d) coordinate action with any other Division or a Province, which may be concerned with the decision.

(3) The Secretary shall monitor the implementation of decisions and the Secretary of the Division or Chief Secretary of a Province concerned shall supply to the Secretary such documents as the latter may, by general or special request, require, enabling him to complete his record of the case and to satisfy himself that the decision of the Council has been fully implemented.

**12. Correction of minutes and decisions of the Council.-** If a Member considers that there has been a mistake or omission in recording the minutes or decisions of the Council, he shall point it out to the Secretary in writing within fifteen working days of their issuance. The Secretary shall obtain orders of the Chairman

and circulate the same to Members.

**13. Reference against the decisions of the Council.-** If the Federal Government or a Provincial Government is not satisfied with a decision of the Council, it may refer the matter to the Parliament in a joint sitting whose decision in this behalf shall be final.

**14. Repeal.-** The Rules of Procedure for the Council of Common Interests 1991, are hereby repealed.



**SCHEDULE-I**

**CASES TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL**

1. Railways;
2. Mineral oil and natural gas, liquids and substances declared by Federal law to be dangerously inflammable;
3. Development of industries, where development under Federal control is declared by Federal law to be expedient in the public interest; institutions, establishments, bodies and corporations administered or managed by the Federal Government immediately before the commencing day, including Water and Power Development Authority and Pakistan Industrial Development Corporation and all undertakings, projects and schemes of such institutions, establishments, bodies and corporations; industries, projects and undertakings owned wholly or partially by the Federation or by a corporation set up by the Federation;
4. Electricity;
5. Major ports, that is to say, the declaration and delimitation of such ports, and the constitution and powers of port authorities therein;
6. All regulatory authorities established under a Federal law;
7. National planning and national economic coordination including planning and coordination of scientific and technological research;

8. Supervision and management of public debt;
9. Census;
10. Extension of the powers and jurisdiction of members of a police force belonging to any Province to any area in another Province, but not so as to enable the police of one Province to exercise powers and jurisdiction in another Province without the consent of the Government of that Province; extension of the powers and jurisdiction of members of a police force belonging to any Province to railway areas outside that Province;
11. Legal, medical and other professions;
12. Standards in institutions for higher education and research, scientific and technical institutions;
13. Inter-provincial matters and co-ordination;
14. Council of Common Interests;
15. Fees in respect of any of the matters specified in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List but not including fees taken in any court;
16. Offences against laws with respect to any of matters in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List;
17. Inquiries and statistics for the purposes of any of the matters in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List;
18. Matters incidental or ancillary to any matter enumerated in Part-II of the Federal Legislative List;
19. Complaints as to interference with water supplies (Article 155);
20. Implementation of the directions given by the Parliament for action by the Council under Article 154(6);
21. Submission of Annual Report to both Houses of Parliament (Article 153(4); and
22. Resolution of disputes with respect to construction of hydroelectric station in any Province (Article 157(3)).



SCHEDULE-II

**MANNER OF SUBMISSION OF CASES TO THE COUNCIL**

1. In respect of all cases to be submitted to the Council, Secretary of the Division or Chief Secretary of the Province concerned shall transmit to the Secretary a concise, lucid and printed Summary, giving the background and relevant facts, points for decision and recommendations of the Federal Government or Provincial Government concerned, as the case may be.

2. The Summary shall be self-contained as far as possible, not exceeding two printed pages and may include as appendices only such relevant papers as are necessary for proper appreciation of the case.

3. Where a reference is made to a previous decision of the Council, the decision of the Council shall invariably be reproduced in the Summary or annexed to it.

4. Where a case concerns more than one Division or the Province, the Summary shall normally not be submitted to the Council until it has been considered by the Divisions and/or the Provinces concerned. In case of difference of opinion, the point of difference should be stated in the Summary.

5. The Provinces and the Divisions concerned of the Federal Government should furnish their comments or views on the summaries for the Council circulated for the purpose, within two weeks. The requirements of prior consultation may be waived in very exceptional circumstances but the Summary must, in that case, be sent to others concerned with the request to send their views direct to the secretariat of the Council by a given date. The secretariat would circulate the views, if received in time, along with or in continuation of the Summary.

6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to satisfy himself that the summary submitted by the Federal or a Provincial Government is complete and in the prescribed form. He may return a case until the requirements of these rules, have been complied with.

SCHEDULE-III

**PREPARATION OF SUMMARIES AND DOCUMENT**

A Summary for the Council shall include-

- (a) name of the sponsoring Division of the Federal Government or Department of the Provincial Government;
- (b) subject of the case;
- (c) name and designation of the officer submitting the Summary (Secretaries/Additional Secretaries-in-Charge of Divisions concerned in case of Federal Government and Chief Secretaries in case of Provincial Government);
- (d) place and date of submission; and
- (e) serial number.

(2) The words "SUMMARY FOR THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS" shall invariably appear at a prominent place, above "Subject". It shall be marked as "SECRET" at the top right corner on first page.

(3) All papers submitted to the Council shall be marked "SECRET" until discussion on them has taken place in the meeting. Thereafter, unless the Council has decided otherwise, the sponsoring Government shall decide the de-classification of these documents under intimation to the secretariat.

- (4) The members shall return to the Secretary –
  - (a) the summaries supplied to them for decision by discussion in a meeting of the Council or a Committee of the Council immediately after the discussion has taken place; and
  - (b) minutes and decisions circulated by the Secretary immediately after they have perused them, but not later than fifteen days.

**CHAPTER-4**

**50<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS  
HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2023**

The Prime Minister / Chairman of the Council of Common Interests welcomed and thanked the participants for attending the meeting. He stated that the CCI in January, 2022 had decided to conduct the 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census digitally. He expressed hope for meaningful discussion by the participants and asked the Secretary to initiate formal proceedings of the meeting.

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran.

### **1.1 AGENDA**

<b>Case No.CCI.1/1/2023 Dated 5-8-2023</b>	<b>Results of 7th Population and Housing Census-2023 (The Digital Census)</b>
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### **1.2 CASES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED BY THE CCI**

Following case was considered by the Council in its 50<sup>th</sup> meeting held on August 5, 2023, in the year 2023-24:

<b>Case No.CCI.1/1/2023 Dated 5-8-2023</b>	<b>Results of 7th Population and Housing Census-2023 (The Digital Census)</b>
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### **DECISION**

The CCI considered the Summary titled ***“Results of 7th Population and Housing Census-2023 (The Digital Census)”*** dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2023, submitted by Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives and unanimously approved the results of 7th Population and Housing Census-2023 (The Digital Census), as mentioned in Annex-V of the Summary and reproduced at para-7 above, for publication and for use / information of general public.

**IMPLEMENTATION STATUS:**

Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives / Pakistan Bureau of Statistics has notified the results of Census vide Notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Hence, the decision stands implemented.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**  
**50<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS (CCI)**  
**HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023 AT P.M HOUSE**

1. Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Prime Minister /Chairman, CCI

**A). MEMBERS:**

**Members Provinces:**

1. Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Chief Minister Punjab
2. Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister Sindh
3. Mr. Muhammad Azam Khan, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (on video link)
4. Mr. Abdul Quddus Bizenjo, Chief Minister Balochistan

**Members Federal:**

5. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives
6. Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister for Commerce
7. Khawaja Saad Rafique, Minister for Railways and Aviation

**B). PARTICIPANTS OF AGENDA ITEM BY SPECIAL INVITATION**

1. Mr. Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani, Chairman Senate
2. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue
3. Mr. Asad Mehmood, Minister for Communications
4. Syed Amin ul Haque, Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication
5. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice
6. Mr. Mansoor Usman Awan, Attorney General for Pakistan
7. Mr. Qamar Zaman Kaira, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan
8. Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Minister for Information and Broadcasting
9. Mr. Khalid Hussain Magsi, MNA
10. Mr. Eazaz A. Dar, Secretary, Cabinet Division
11. Syed Zafar Ali Shah, Secretary, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives
12. Mr. Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Chief Secretary Punjab
13. Mr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput, Chief Secretary Sindh
14. Mr. Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
15. Mr. Abdul Aziz Uqaili, Chief Secretary, Balochistan
16. Dr. Naeem-uz-Zafar, Chief Statistician, PBS, Ministry of PD&SI

**C). CCI SECRETARIAT'S OFFICERS/STAFF:**

1. Mr. Jawad Paul, Secretary, CCI
2. Mr. Abu Zafar Sadiq, Joint Secretary
3. Syed Mudassar Hussain Shah, Section Officer

**M/o Planning, Development and Special Initiatives /Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) officers: -**

- 1) Mr. Tassaduq Hussain, Joint Secretary (PBS)
- 2) Mr. Sarwar Gondal, Member (SS), PBS
- 3) Mr. Ayyaz-ud-Din, Member (Census & Survey), PBS
- 4) Ms. Rabia Awan, DDG (CP&C), PBS
- 5) Mr. Wasi ul Islam, SO (PBS)

**CHAPTER-5**

**51<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS  
HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2024**

The Prime Minister / Chairman of the Council of Common Interests welcomed and thanked the participants for attending the meeting. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran.

2. The Secretary, CCI presented the agenda of the meeting.

**2.1 AGENDA**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Presented by</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012</b>	<b>Petroleum Division</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Tight Gas Exploration and Production Policy 2024</b>	<b>Petroleum Division</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012 (Sale of gas to third party)</b>	<b>Petroleum Division</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Execution of Miran Petroleum Concession Agreement (PCA) with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Oil &amp; gas company limited (KPOGCL) Pursuant to 43rd CCI decision dated 11-Nov-2020</b>	<b>Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa</b>

## 2.2 CASES CONSIDERED AND DECIDED BY THE CCI

Following cases were considered by the Council in its 51<sup>st</sup> meeting held on January 29, 2024, in the year 2023-24:

<b>Case No.CCI.1/1/2024 Dated 29-01-2024</b>	<b>Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012</b>
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### DECISION

The CCI considered the Summary titled “**Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012**” dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024, submitted by Petroleum Division and unanimously approved the amendments in the Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012 as contained in Annex-V of the Summary.

The CCI also decided that the request of Government of Balochistan for renewal of lease of Sui Gas Field to be decided favorably as a special dispensation for the province of Balochistan by the ECC and directed the Petroleum Division to place the summary before the upcoming meeting of ECC.

### **Implementation status:**

The said amendments have been notified in the official Gazette, by Petroleum Division, vide S.R.O 147(1)/2024 dated February 12, 2024. In light of the directions of the CCI dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024, wherein it was directed to decide the renewal of Sui Mining lease (Sui ML) and submit a summary to ECC; Petroleum Division, on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, submitted the case to ECC which was approved by the ECC as well as ratified by the Federal Cabinet on 07<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Hence, the decision stands implemented.

Case No.CCI.2/1/2024 Dated 29-01-2024	Tight Gas Exploration and Production Policy 2024
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**DECISION**

The CCI considered the Summary titled “**Tight Gas Exploration and Production Policy 2024**” dated 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2024, submitted by Petroleum Division and unanimously approved the Tight Gas Exploration and Production Policy, 2024.

**Implementation status:**

The Tight Gas Policy 2024 has been notified in the official Gazette by Petroleum Division, vide S.R.O 191(I)/2024 dated February 13, 2024. Hence, the decision stands implemented.

Case No.CCI.3/1/2024 Dated 29-01-2024	Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012
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**DECISION**

The CCI considered the Summary titled “**Amendments in Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012**” dated 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, submitted by Petroleum Division and unanimously approved the amendments in the text of Paragraph 9.4(2) under Section III of Petroleum (Exploration and Production) Policy 2012 with the stipulation that E&P Companies shall have the right to sale up to 35% of their share of pipeline specification gas to third party having OGRA license, through competitive process, without approval of the government or any of its entity, provided that the price(s) charged from third parties would not be less than the wellhead gas prices under Petroleum Policy 2012 for the respective zones. This provision will also apply to all existing licenses/leases granted under Petroleum (E&P) Rules 1986, 2001, 2009 and 2013 for the gas discoveries which are not yet allocated and will be allocated after date of notification pursuant to CCI approval.

The CCI further decided that the province in which a well-head of natural gas is situated should be given precedence in terms of Article 158 of the constitution in its letter and spirit. Petroleum Division may prepare framework for the sale of gas to 3rd party and place before the ECNEC for its consideration.

**Implementation status:**

The amendments in Petroleum Policy have been notified vide Petroleum Division's S.R.O 311(I)/2024 dated February 29, 2024. Hence, the decision, to this extent, stands implemented.

In accordance with the decision, draft framework for the sale of gas to 3rd party has been prepared by this office and Summary is being finalized to be placed before the ECNEC for approval.

<b>Case No.CCI.4/1/2024 Dated 29-01-2024</b>	<b>Execution of Miran Petroleum Concession Agreement (PCA) with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Oil &amp; gas company limited (KPOGCL) Pursuant to 43rd CCI decision dated 11-Nov-2020</b>
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**DECISION**

The Council considered the request of Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide Summary dated 28th January, 2024 and directed the Petroleum Division to execute the Miran PCA with KPOGCL at the earliest pursuant to the Clause 2.3 (3) of the Petroleum Policy 2012. KPOGCL would remain the majority shareholder of Miran Block and will offer the remaining 49% shares to the Public Sector Exploration and Production Companies including GHPL through competitive bidding process to provide level playing field to all.

**Implementation status:**

Pursuant to the CCI decision, Petroleum Concession Agreement and Exploration License No. 534/PAK/2021 over Miran Block No.3269-2, has been signed between Petroleum Division and KPOGCL on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. Hence, the decision stands implemented.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**

**51<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS (CCI)  
HELD ON 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY, 2024 AT PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSE**

1. Mr. Anwaar ul Haq Kakar, Prime Minister /Chairman, CCI

**A). MEMBERS:**

**Members Provinces:**

2. Syed Mohsin Raza Naqvi, Chief Minister Punjab
3. Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqir, Chief Minister Sindh
4. Justice (Retd) Syed Arshad Hussain Shah, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
5. Mr. Ali Mardan Khan Domki, Chief Minister Balochistan

**Members Federal:**

6. Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance & Revenue
7. Mr. Fawad Hasan Fawad, Minister for Privatization
8. Mr. Ahmad Irfan Aslam, Minister for Law & Justice

**B). PARTICIPANTS OF AGENDA ITEM BY SPECIAL INVITATION**

1. Mr. Muhammad Ali, Ministry of Petroleum and Power Division
2. Dr. Mohammad Jehanzeb Khan, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
3. Capt. (Retd.) Muhammad Khurram Agha, Secretary to the Prime Minister
4. Mr. Kamran Ali Afzal, Cabinet Secretary
5. Mr. Imdad Ullah Bosal, Finance Secretary
6. Mr. Awais Manzoor Sumra, Secretary, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives
7. Raja Naeem Akbar, Secretary, Law and Justice
8. Mr. Momin Agha, Additional Secretary (Incharge) Petroleum Division
9. Mr. Zahid Akhtar Zaman, Chief Secretary Punjab
10. Dr. Muhammad Fakhre Alam Irfan, Chief Secretary, Sindh
11. Mr. Nadeem Aslam Chaudhry, Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
12. Mr. Shakil Qadir Khan, Chief Secretary, Balochistan
13. Mr. Masroor Khan, Chairman, OGRA

**C). CCI SECRETARIAT'S OFFICERS/STAFF:**

4. Mr. Omer Rasul, Secretary, CCI
5. Mr. Abu Zafar Sadiq, Joint Secretary
6. Syed Mudassar Hussain Shah, Section Officer
7. Mr. Arfan Ali Siddiqui, Section Officer
8. Mr. Azmat Ali, Section Officer

**PETROLEUM DIVISION**

1. Mr. Kashif Ali, Director General (Petroleum Concession)
2. Mr. Riaz Ali, Director (Exploration)