

OVERVIEW

The Public Service Commission was set up for the first time in British India in 1926. After independence, the Commission was established in Pakistan in 1947 under the provision of Government of India Act, 1935. At present, the commission is functioning under article 242 of the constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. It has been provided autonomy under the Rules of Business, 1973 and FPSC Regulations, 1978 in its working. The Commission has also been given administrative as well as, to some extent, financial autonomy to perform its functions independently.

The Commission consists of a Chairman and Members. The Chairman is appointed by the President of Islamic republic of Pakistan, in his discretion, under Article 242 (IA) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973. The members are appointed by the President on the advice of the Prime Minister of Pakistan. The Commission is assisted by the Secretary who provides a link among the Commission, its Secretariat and the Government Agencies.

The term of the office of members is as follow:

- 1) A Member of the Commission shall hold office for a fixed term from the date on which he enters upon office and shall not be eligible for re-appointment.
- 2) A Member may resign his office by writing under his hand addressed to the President.

PROTECTION OF SERVICE OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission may work without the interference of the Government or any other pressure, as Member of the Commission cannot be removed from his office without the advice of the Supreme Judicial Council of Pakistan, which consists of ;

- i) Chief Justice Of Pakistan
- ii) Two next most senior Judges of the Supreme Court of Pakistan
- iii) Two senior most Chief Justice of High court, (Section 6 of FPSC Ordinance, 1977 & article 209 of the Constitution).

In view of above protection a Member of the Commission can, therefore, work without any pressure.

COMPOSITION OF THE COMMISSION

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