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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 21st MArch, 2024

No.5(9)/2024-Dtg.—WHEREAS, the Prime Minister, while taking serious notice of delays in dispensation of justice in criminal and civil matters and effects thereof on the general public, has been pleased to direct that there should be in place comprehensive reforms across criminal, civil, fiscal and constitutional domains to streamline legal processes and to ensure swift and speedy justice;

2. NOW, THEREFORE, the Prime Minister has been pleased to re-constitute a Legal Reforms Committee of experts consisting of-

S. No.	Membership	Status
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Federal Minister for Law and Justice and Human Rights	<i>Convener</i>
2.	Mr. Shahid Hamid, Senior Advocate Supreme Court	<i>Member</i>
3.	Senator Farooq H. Naek, Senior Advocate Supreme Court	<i>Member</i>
4.	Mr. Zahid Hamid, Senior Advocate Supreme Court	<i>Member</i>
5.	Attorney-General for Pakistan	<i>Member</i>
6.	Mr. Shahzad Shaukat, President, Supreme Court Bar Association of Pakistan	<i>Member</i>
7.	Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Bhoon, Representative of Pakistan Bar Council	<i>Member</i>
8.	Any other Member/Legal Expert co-opted by the Convener depending on business under discussion	<i>Member</i>

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3. The Terms of Reference of the Legal Reforms Committee shall be to

- (a) identify the procedural difficulties which are causing undue delays in the conclusion of criminal and civil trials' proceedings;
- (b) develop a robust roadmap for legal reforms with a special focus on the amendments in civil, criminal and fiscal statutes;
- (c) suggest a phased approach for implementation, prioritizing urgent areas for intervention while ensuring a sustainable and inclusive transition to the reformed legal framework;
- (d) propose amendments in order to eliminate various appellate forums provided under various enactments;
- (e) propose a strict time-line for conclusion of appeals filed in the fiscal matters; and
- (f) propose appropriate amendments in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for effective functioning of judicial system.

4. The Ministry of Law and Justice shall provide secretarial support to the Legal Reforms Committee and for this purpose Barrister Zahoor Ahmed, Legislative Adviser shall be the focal person with respect to criminal laws and Mr. Hassan Mehmood, Legislative Adviser shall be the focal person with respect to other laws.

5. The Legal Reforms Committee shall submit its report to the Prime Minister within a period of two months. This time frame may, on the recommendation of the Legal Reforms Committee, be extended with the approval of the Prime Minister.

6. This Notification supersedes the Ministry of Law and Justice's Notification of even number dated the 13th March, 2024.

MUHAMMAD RAFIQ,
Section Officer.