

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

ISLAMABAD

Subject: Task Force on Implementing Structural Reforms in the Power Sector

The Prime Minister has been pleased to constitute a Task Force to identify and oversee implementation of structural reforms in the power sector of Pakistan, with a view to reducing the financial burden of the sector being borne by the Federal Government, and to enable establishment of an efficient, liquid and self-sustaining competitive power market.

2. The composition of the Task Force shall be as under:

	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Federal Minister for Power	Chairman
2.	Mr. Muhammad Ali, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Power	Co-Chairman
3.	Lt. Gen Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, HI (M)	National Coordinator
4.	Mr. Syed Zakaria Ali Shah, (Sectt Group, BS-21)	Member
5.	Nominee of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority	Member
6.	Nominee of Central Power Purchasing Agency	Member
7.	Nominee of Private Power and Infrastructure Board	Member
8.	Nominee of Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan	Member

3. The Task Force may, in the performance of its functions:

- i. co-opt any expert from public/private sector; and
- ii. engage or seek record(s) and information and/or assistance from local and/or international consulting firms, bankers, legal advisors, chartered accountancy firms, or any other organization or individual as deemed necessary.

4. The Terms of Reference (ToRs) of the Task Force are as under:

- i. Recommending measures for making power sector financially and operationally sustainable;
- ii. Overseeing the development of an efficient and liquid power market design along with its implementation;
- iii. Recommending utilization of excess capacity by industries/SEZs for stimulating growth;

- iv. Reviewing and recommending measures to reduce capacity payments, including but not limited to shutting down certain plants and taking any other necessary measures as deemed appropriate;
 - v. Reviewing matters pertaining to the set-up cost of various IPPs in the country and identifying malpractices, procedural weaknesses and regulatory gaps with a view to recommend the way forward to rectify these;
 - vi. Reviewing compliance of IPPs with parameters/ terms and conditions of various agreements signed with relevant Government agencies/institutions; and
 - vii. Recommending measures to resolve the issue of Circular Debt Stock in the energy sector.
5. The role of the Task Force shall not be restricted to fact finding, and the Task Force shall also be responsible for overseeing the implementation of its recommendations.
 6. The Task Force shall be given full support, including requisite budget allocation, by the Federal Government.
 7. **Within one month** of its establishment, the Task Force shall submit its recommendations along with an implementation plan for consideration of the Prime Minister.
 8. Power Division shall notify the above Task Force. Support to the Task Force shall be provided by Special Secretary for Power Division, who shall also be the head of the secretariat of the Task Force.
 9. The Task Force shall maintain effective coordination and consultation with the Ministry of Energy.



(Syed Shakeel Shah)
Additional Secretary - II
04 August, 2024

Secretary, Power Division, Islamabad
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