



REPORT
OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
GOVERNMENT BILL NO.07 OF 2024
THE SINDH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2024.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE BILL

The Provincial Assembly of Sindh in its sitting held on Monday, the 02nd September, 2024, referred the Government Bill No. 07 of 2024- The Sindh Public private partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024 to the Standing Committee on Finance with the terms of reference to examine the Bill and report back to the Assembly within one week.

Mr. Chairman convened a meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance, dated 22-05-2025, to consider the above-referred Government Bill.

The Committee examined/ considered the Bill Section by Section and approved it with some amendments/ recommendations to be presented in the Provincial Assembly of Sindh for passage of the Bill.

**MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MPA/
CHAIRMAN
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

CHAIRMAN/MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR GOVERNMENT BILL NO.07 OF 2024-THE SINDH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL,2024.

The Standing Committee on Finance for Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, consisted of the following members:

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| 1. Mr. Muhammad Taimur Talpur, MPA | Chairman |
| 2. Mr. Sardar Ghulam Abid, MPA | Member |
| 3. Mr. Mehboob Ali Khan Bijarani, MPA | Member |
| 4. Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA | Member |
| 5. Syed Hassan Ali Shah, MPA | Member |
| 6. Mr. Naeem Ahmed Kharal, MPA | Member |
| 7. Mr. Sajid Ali Banbhan, MPA | Member |
| 8. Mr. Hallar Wassan, MPA | Member |
| 9. Syeda Marvi Faseeh, MPA | Member |
| 10. Ms. Sadia Javed, MPA | Member |
| 11. Mr. Sabir Hussain, MPA. | Member |
| 12. Mr. Zia ul Hassan, MPA/
Minister for Law, Parliamentary Affairs & Criminal
Prosecution and Home, Sindh. | Ex-Officio/
Member |

THE SINDH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2024. (ORIGINAL)

SINDH BILL NO. 07 OF 2024.

**A
BILL**

to amend the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010, in the manner hereinafter appearing; **Preamble**

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Public-Private Partnership (Amendment) Act, 2024.

**Short title,
extent and
commencement.**

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010, in section 27, after sub-section 2, the following new sub-section shall be added:-

**Amendment of
section 27 of Sindh
Act No.V of 2010.**

“(3) “Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (1) and (2) or any other provision of this Act, in government-to-government projects under section 19-A of this Act, or such other projects where foreign investment and/or lending is involved or purported to be involved, an agency or the government may agree to the seat of arbitration and venue outside of Pakistan and the applicability of rules of foreign arbitral institutions under the agreements to which it is a party, including Public-Private Partnership Agreement, subject to the recommendation of the Board and approval by Government.”.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

In order to encourage foreign investors, and/or lenders to invest in, or finance public-private partnership projects, which require funding from foreign investors and/or lenders, it is expedient to amend the Sindh Public-Private Partnership Act, 2010 to create room for international commercial arbitration as a dispute resolution mechanism by enabling the government agencies to agree to, or specify seat and venue of arbitration outside Pakistan and governing laws of any jurisdiction other than Pakistan in Public-Private Partnership Agreements; provided prior recommendation of the Public-Private Partnership Board and approval of the Government of Sindh have been obtained by the government agencies.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

MEMBER-IN-CHARGE

**G.M. UMAR FAROOQ
SECRETARY
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**

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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF SINDH**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
HELD ON 22nd MAY, 2025 TO CONSIDER GOVERNMENT BILL NO.07 OF 2024-THE
SINDH PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL,2024.**

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Finance was held on 22nd of May, 2025 in Committee Room No.3, New Sindh Assembly Building, Karachi to consider Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill,2024.

The following were present: -

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| 2. Mr. Mehboob Ali Khan Bijarani, MPA | Member |
| 3. Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA | Member |
| 4. Syed Hassan Ali Shah, MPA | Member |
| 5. Mr. Sajid Ali Banbhan, MPA | Member |
| 6. Mr. Hallar Wassan, MPA | Member |
| 7. Ms. Sadia Javed, MPA | Member |
| 8. Mr. Sabir Hussain, MPA. | Member |
| 9. Mr. Fayaz Ahmed Jatoi, Secretary, Government of Sindh, Finance Department. | |
| 10. Mr. Riaz Ahmed Jakhрани, Additional Secretary, Law, Department. | |
| 11. Mr. Assad Zamin, DG, PPP Unit Finance Department. | |
| 12. Muhammad Qasim Mangrio, Deputy Secretary, Provincial Assembly of Sindh. | |
| 13. Mr. Abrar M. Khan Sr. Director (Legal) PPP Unit, Finance Department. | |

The proceedings of the meeting commenced with the recitation of the verses of the Holy Quran.

Mr. Muhammad Khan Rind, Secretary Committees, Provincial Assembly of Sindh, acted as Secretary to the Committee.

At the very outset, Honourable Chairman welcomed all the Members of the Standing Committee, Secretary Committees, Provincial Assembly of Sindh/ Secretary Finance, Additional Secretary, Law Department, Government of Sindh and other distinguished participants to the meeting.

Mr. Chairman was of the view that before taking up the Bill Section by Section, it would be appropriate that the concerned Department brief the Standing Committee about the objects and reasons of the subject Government Bill.

Mr. Assad Zamin, DG, PPP Unit Finance Department: Sir, to provide some background the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) program was launched in 2010, through which the Sindh government has successfully implemented projects across various sectors, including health, education, infrastructure, and roads. Sindh's PPP portfolio has gained national and international recognition and continues to expand into areas such as recreation, agriculture, vocational training, and now the water sector.

Recently, an international investment authority and its subsidiary fund expressed interest in working with Sindh. Such entities typically operate globally, and several of our projects are already financed by the World Bank. According to their guidelines, international arbitration is

required for any project involving their funding, which is consistent with Section 27 of the Sindh PPP Act 2010.

TITLE OF THE BILL

Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA, read-over "Title" of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved the "Title" of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

PREAMBLE

Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA, read-over "Preamble" of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberations, unanimously approved the "Preamble" of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

SHORT TITLE, EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT

Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA, read-over Clause -1(1) and (2) of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved Clause 1 (2) of Government Bill No. 07 of 2024. Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA, proposed that in sub-clause (1) of Clause 1, the year "2024" be substituted with "2025".

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the amended sub-clause (1) of Clause 1 of Government Bill No. 07 of 2024, The Sindh Public-Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

AMENDMENT OF SECTION 27 OF SINDH ACT NO. V OF 2010

Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA, read-over Clause-2 of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to the Committee for its consideration and approval.

The Standing Committee, after due deliberation, unanimously approved the s Clause 2 of Government Bill No. 07 of 2024, The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

Mr. Muhammad Qasim, MPA, read-over the Statement of Objects and Reasons of Government Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, to the Committee for its consideration and decision by the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee unanimously approved the Statement of Objects and Reasons Bill No.07 of 2024- The Sindh Public Private Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2024, The meeting was then adjourned with a vote of thanks to all Members of the Standing Committee, Secretary, Finance, Additional Secretary Law and other distinguished participants to the meeting of the Standing Committee.

**MUHAMMAD TAIMUR TALPUR, MPA/
CHAIRMAN
STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

