



PAKISTAN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT PROMOTERS ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY

3rd March 2020 AT 02:30 PM POEPA HEAD OFFICE ISLAMABAD.

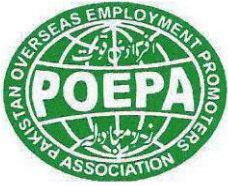
Respected Members,

1. The meeting Chaired by the Chairman, Mr. Sarfraz Zahoor Cheema was held in the Meeting Room of POEPA Head office, ISLAMABAD on TUESDAY, 3rd March 2020.

Following officials and members had participated in the meeting:-

1. Mr. Sarfraz Zahoor Cheema (Chairman)
2. Mr. Athar Iqbal Shah (Senior Vice Chairman)
3. Mr. Asad Hafeez Kiani (Vice Chairman)
4. Mr. Naseem Akhtar Mehmood Ch (Member, E .C)
5. Mr. Muhammad Usman (Member, E .C)
6. Mr. Munawar Agha (Member, E.C)
7. Mr. Mikaeel Khan (Member, E .C)
8. Mr. Qaiser Naeem Malik (Member, E .C)
9. Mr. Raja Mehmood Ahmed (Member, E .C)
10. Mr. Raja Mubashir Rafiq Kiani (Member, E.C)
11. Mr. Muslim Shah (Member, E .C)
12. Mr. Muhammad Safdar (Member, E .C)

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13. Mr. Muhammad Feroz Khan (Member, E.C)
14. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Khan Bilal (Member, E.C)
15. Mr. Abdul Ghafoor Khan (Member, E.C)
16. Mr. Gul Faraz Khan (Member, E .C)
17. Mr. M. Rafiq Janjua (Member, E .C)
18. Mr. Muhammad Idress Chaudhry (Member, E .C)
19. Mr. Shahbaz Zeb Khan Secretary General, POEPA

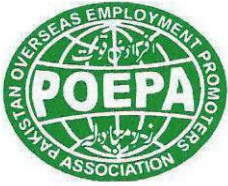
The meeting deliberated on the following agenda items:-

AGENDA NO.1	APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS OF INCURRED EXPENSES IN MONTHS JAN & FEB-2020 & MINUTES OF LAST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.
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The executive committee had thoroughly examine the expenses occurred in the preceding month of JAN & FEB 2020, the account sheets were circulated among all the members for scrutiny & perusal, after the discussion over all the head of accounts the committee had unanimously approved the accounts for the month of JAN & FEB-2020, Secretary General had highlighted the necessary expenditures required for office furniture requirement of Chairs and tables.

Decision:

The executive committee has unanimously approved the expenses occurred in the preceding months JAN & FEB -2020 & upcoming necessary expenses in MAR-2020. Moreover the members had approved the minutes of the meeting held on **18th -Jan -2020**.



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Agenda No.2	UPDATES ON MOC JAPAN & FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS
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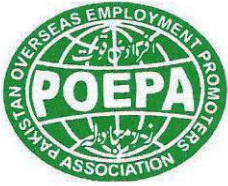
The Chairman Mr. Sarfraz Zahoor Cheema, had briefed the members that Japan had previously approached countries like Philippines, Cambodia & Thailand for manpower but they were not satisfied with their initiatives rather disappointed they turned over to Pakistan for our skilled manpower. Unfortunately we have observed very dawdling performance by the Ministry, that concerns losing this profitable sector and consequences would be that they turn their backs to us. Development policies are required to be formulated at the earliest to provide Japan a strong response and capabilities of our trained manpower. Japan had committed to conduct registration of 100 workers for test in July, but still we are anticipating the information regarding approved Japanese language training centres in Pakistan except NUML.

DECISION:

Hence it has been unanimously resolved to pursue the developments in the training institutes, criteria, requirement of Japanese language level and curriculum of test to be conducted for selection of skilled manpower for Japan.

Agenda No.3	AMENDMENTS IN EMIGRATION RULES, 1979
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The Secretary General had briefed all the Rules which were proposed by POEPA to be amended and supported by Bureau of Emigration & some new insertions by Bureau in the final draft of amendments in Emigration Rules, 1979, which will be progressed for approval to the Ministry of OP & HRD.



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DECISION:

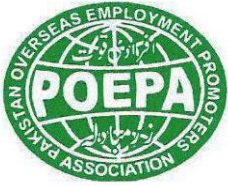
POEPA executive committee had completed the proposed amendments in joint consultative sessions with Bureau for the welfare of the OEP community. The Executive Committee had approved and provided unanimous consent for further approval of the same draft of amendments in Emigration Rules 1979, by the Ministry of OP & HRD.

Agenda No.4	UPDATES ON D.G KHAN ,SIALKOT PROTECTORATE OFFICES , PROGRESS OF SUKKUR & ABBOTTABAD, FURTHER NEW APPLICATIONS FOR GUJRAT , FAISALABAD AND BANNU
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The Chairman had briefed that in the last meeting, with BEOE, we were informed that the renovation works of D.G Khan & Sialkot protectorates has been approved by PWD and from now onwards it will be interval of few months for these protectorates to be operational. Further we were learnt that establishment of Sukkur & Abbottabad is in the pipeline, whereas the applications for the establishment of protectorates offices in Gujrat, Faisalabad & Bannu were proceeded to the Ministry of OP & HRD.

DECISION:

It has been decided that for the facilitation of OEPs and intending emigrants the enhancement of protectorate offices all over Pakistan is quite imperative to promote the effectiveness of manpower promotion sector. Therefore we recommend the establishment of the protectorate office where it is needed for the assistance of Pakistani intending emigrants.



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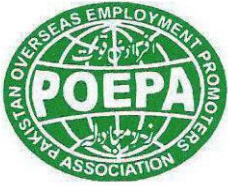
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Agenda No.5	MATTER OF HANDING OVER ILLEGALLY POSSESSED POEPA REGIONAL OFFICES
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The pursuance on the eradication of Illegally possessed POEPA regional offices in North & South Zone from the last 2 years evident from the letters and notices served, as per the office records but none of the office were recovered except the regional office in Lahore. The Executive Committee 2019-20 had formed the committee to recover the illegally possessed regional offices of POEPA in the meeting held on 13th Nov 2019, they were provided the time to investigate the matter and report their findings and recommendations to take further conciliation or legal action against the members whom deny to handover the assets/property of POEPA. The committee comprised for recovery of regional offices in North Zone had furnished the report, in which they had mentioned the commencement of the handing over ceremony for Lahore zone regional office at any suitable date & time after consultation with the E.C. Moreover they had reported that they had given notices and warning letters to **Mr. Habib Ali Shah M/s Shabnam Recruiting Agency** for vacation & handing over illegal possessed property of i.e. POEPA regional office in Peshawar & **Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan M/s Islamabad Overseas Recruiting Agency** for vacation & handing over illegally possessed i.e. POEPA regional office in Rawalpindi. These incumbents have given no response & reply of the letters, therefore the committee had recommended the immediate cancellation of the membership of both of the members as they have been found guilty of misappropriation of POEPA assets & property in North Zone.

The committee for recovery of regional office in Karachi, had given their findings that the party i.e. 4 members of United Group Karachi members addressed in the letters holding the possession of had committed to vacate the office within upcoming 2 weeks

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however we are still anticipating the vacation and handing over of regional office Karachi. They had recommended providing additional time of one week for vacation of the premises.

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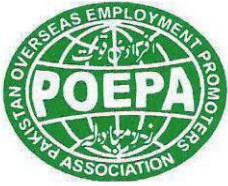
It has been decided unanimously to cancel the membership of **Mr. Habib Ali Shah M/s Shabnam Recruiting Agency & Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan M/s Islamabad Overseas Recruiting Agency** as they had denied to hand over the property/assets to its rightful owner i.e. POEPA and these incumbents have been found guilty of misappropriation & misuse of POEPA assets/property. Further it has been unanimously decided to provide additional time of seven working days to vacate the regional office Karachi, failing to vacate & handover the premises in the additional time provided, the executive committee is bound to take legal action against them which is the cancellation of their POEPA membership.

Agenda No.6	SAUDI CONSULATE ISLAMABAD CORRESPONDENCE
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The Chairman had identified the developments of liaison with the Saudi Consulate as committed in the meeting held on Jan 1st 2020, but foremost the officials of consulate are strictly working to close all the backdoor channels & illegal activities within or outbound must be stopped immediately, as these practices pander to the prestige of the consulate.

DECISION: Henceforward all the members were assured of smooth functioning and strong liaison with the consulate after the tenacity of

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the ban due to Coronavirus global threat, which is most probably, be uplifted in the end of March, 31st 2020.

Agenda No.7	SLIC, WELFARE FOR PAKISTANI EMIGRANTS NEW PROPOSALS.
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The chairman had briefed the members regarding new proposals of State Life Insurance Corporation for Pakistani Emigrants, i.e. listed below.

a) **Welfare scheme for Re-Imbursement of legal expenses.**

Executive committee had decided to adjust this facility in the current premium which is paid by the intending emigrants.

b) **Family income benefit for Emigrants.**

It was decided that this facility is quite favorable for the emigrants, but it requires to be adjusted in the same premium currently charged by the Govt.

c) **Insurance compensation for Emigrants who return within first year.**

The committee has proposed that this compensation by the government is favorable for both emigrants & OEPs, but the premium charged against the benefit must lie within the bracket Rs.500 to Rs.1000 and the compensation benefit shall be up to Rs, 200,000 (Two hundred thousand rupees).

Agenda No.8	OEC CHARGES CASE UPDATES
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The Chairman informed the members regarding hearing of the case for OEC charges in Islamabad High Court, fixed on 30th March 2020, case # 10166/20, Mr. Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani.



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Agenda No.9	PRA SALES TAX MATTER
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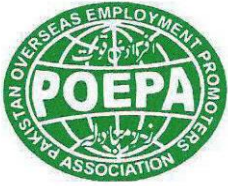
The Chairman had updated the members that POEPA is in constant correspondence with the authorities & the finance minister, due to the financial budget 2020 & eventful schedule of the Finance Minister Punjab; we are unable to hold a meeting with him in the past weeks. He also mentioned that the Lahore High Court has passed the orders and the matters of levying of PRA sales tax are referred to Finance Ministry of Punjab to decide the jurisdiction matter. Our lawyer is pursuing the matter by serving notices to the ministry & further our Case # 10166/20 is fixed by Lahore High Court on 27th Mar 2020 before Mr. Justice Shahid Karim.

DECISION:

The executive committee has unanimously resolved for a meeting with Finance minister, in parallel the association needs to pursue the case POEPA Vs Province of Punjab in Honorable Lahore High Court for uniform/reduced rate or exemption from PRA sales tax.

Agenda No.10	PROGRESS REPORT FOR POEPA LICENSE RENEWAL
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The secretary general had properly followed the case of POEPA license renewal and had completed the application & documentation requirements with the SECP after the attestation of M & AOA of POEPA from SECP this endorsed document will be submitted to the DGTO office where it is marked as discrepancy, after submission of this SECP endorsed document it will take not more than 15 working days for renewal of POEPA License.



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DECISION:

It has been decided that Secretary General will keep following the application for POEPA license and will fulfill the deficiency & provide the requisite document positively to the DGTO & Ministry of Commerce in the stipulated time.

There was no further point to discuss. The meeting was adjourned with the greetings from/to the Chair.

CC:

1. Regulator TOs, Directorate General of Trade Organization.
2. All members of Executive Committee.



(Shahbaz Zeb Khan)
Secretary General.