

## **What is a Public Petition?**

Public Petition to the Senate is an opportunity for you to have direct access to the Senate and participate in the democratic parliamentary process. You can raise issues of public importance relating to the Federal Government for consideration of the Parliament and contribute your ideas, opinions and comments on matters that are already being considered by the Senate of Pakistan or Senate Standing Committees. Public Petition is not a complaint of personal nature.

## **Admissibility of a Public Petition**

Before submitting your Petition, please ensure that your Petition:

- (1) Shall be addressed to the Chairman, Senate of Pakistan.
- (2) It shall contain clear proposal, suggestion related to:
  - i. business before the House,
  - ii. business before a Senate Committee, and/or
  - iii. issue of public importance. (It should be a matter which pertains to, is related or is the concern of the Federal Government or anybody or person acting through or under it).
- (3) It shall, in no way, relate to a matter which is the concern of a provincial or local government.
- (4) It shall not be a personal matter or complaint against individual(s).
- (5) It shall not contain offensive, intemperate, inflammatory, sarcastic or provocative language.
- (6) It shall not contain false or defamatory statements.
- (7) It shall not relate to a matter which falls within the cognizance of a court of law or tribunal, and it shall not directly relate to a matter pending before any court or other authority performing judicial or a quasi-judicial functions.
- (8) It shall not be on a matter which, has already been examined or is a repetition of a petition considered or under consideration of either the House or a Committee. If so, the petitioner will be informed about action/disposal of the already pending matter.