

First steps for change

Saturday, March 09, 2013 - The government and opposition are still not on the same page as far as caretaker Prime Minister is concerned. It would however have been more appropriate if caretaker PM was picked up from Baluchistan which has always been neglected in the past. As and when the caretakers assume the responsibility, the first action the PM should take is to replace all heads of institutions like PIA, CAA, Railways, Pakistan Steel, EOBI, OGDC, PSO, FIA, IB,PTA, FBR including politically appointed ambassadors, commercial attaches abroad with qualified and deserving foreign service regular officers. All institutions where retired generals have been appointed should also be changed with honest and competent civil officers who enjoy good reputation. This should be done within two days of taking over as caretaker prime minister. Establishment division should keep ready the list of junior officers who have been promoted in higher grades by passing senior and competent officers. All promotions made during last three months without merit to give benefit to party loyalists should be rescinded. Amnesty scheme introduced to regularize smuggled vehicles should be annulled to favor the privileged few and stop further entry of smuggled cars in different cities of Pakistan. All luxury cars like Mercedes, BMW and Power wagons be withdrawn from all users including defence forces. Certain organizations and corporations transfer vehicles on depreciated values if the period is less than specified period of 5 years and beyond 5 years it is transferred free of cost. This practice should immediately be banned. All corruption cases against senior officers already reported in the press should be brought to an end and culprits punished accordingly. No one to be paid more than MP-1 grade in any institution of Pakistan. All consultants appointed any where in any organizations should be removed; Pakistan has enough talent to care about the issues. Like the previous caretaker PM he should refrain from allotting plots to any category of officers and avoid going on foreign trips until and unless it is absolutely essential and in the interest of the country. He should bring in fresh and experienced persons as his personal staff and should place no reliance on old hats. I am sure if these measures are taken the country shall get a sigh of relief and so the nation.

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