

PROFILE

MR. ZAHID HAMID **FEDERAL MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE**

Mr. Zahid Hamid is Federal Minister for Climate Change in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. He has been elected to the National Assembly from NA-114, District Sialkot thrice consecutively-in 2002, 2008 and 2013.

Born on October 24, 1947 in Lahore, he obtained his B.A. (Honours) and M.A. degrees from the University of Cambridge, UK and LLB degree from the University of Punjab, Lahore. He has attended courses/ seminars at Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration and the International Development Law Institute, Rome.

In 1970 he joined the Civil Service of Pakistan (CSP) and held various field and staff appointments in the Government of the Punjab before resigning in 1978. As a successful entrepreneur, he set up and managed two industrial units in the food sector (1978-1988).

He has previously served as Minister of State for Defense, Federal Minister for Privatization and Investment, and Federal Minister for Law, Justice and Human Rights (2004-2007).

He is a lawyer by profession and an Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. He has worked extensively in the field of environmental law in particular and has drafted a number of environmental laws and written a number of papers on various issues relating to the environment. He is the principal draftsman of the Pakistan Environment Protection Act, 1997, and the Rules / Regulations prescribed thereunder. He has been a member of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Council and the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law, Bonn and has undertaken studies for the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. He has also been a member of the Banking Laws Review Commission.

When the PML (N) was in the Opposition (2008-2013) he was Convenor of the PML (N) Parliamentary Party's Law Committee and played a lead role in advising, drafting and piloting amendments in the Constitution and other bills. He was also elected a member of the National Assembly's Standing Committees on Public Accounts; Law, Justice and Human Rights; and Local Government and Rural Development.

He is blessed with two sons and a daughter.
