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Subject: **MINUTES OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Conference Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics under the Chair of Dr. Zeba A. Sathar, Chairperson of the Sub-committee and Member of the Governing Council. The list of participants is attached.

2. The Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. G.M. Arif. The chair well come every body in extra ordinary meeting and enquired that what will be the level of the involvement of Sub Committee in the preparation of Provisional Summary Results and informed that everyone is waiting anxiously for the results of 6<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census 2017. Chair further informed that their suggestions are only for the improvement of Provisional Summary Results and asked for presentation. It was informed that after field operation the work of scanning of REN-2 Form has been started and about 90% work has been completed as was advised by the Sub Committee whereas manual data entry of REN-2 has also been completed. It was informed that physical verification of 10% of Form 2 is in progress, out of 16 thousand 12 thousand blocks have been checked wherein no major variation has been observed in REN-2 Form totals and in Form-2.

3. Statistician. Chair informed the house that Census had been included in the manifesto of the present Government. We all feel proud as a nation that 6<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing has been taken place in a peaceful manner in difficult

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conditions. Chair presented a bouquet of flowers to the outgoing Chief Statistician / Chief Census Commissioner and appreciated his efforts for holding of census smoothly in the country.

4. The Member (RM), Acting Chief Statistician informed the participants that the Provisional Summary Results will be presented to the Government in a few weeks. On the enquiry from the Chair about appointment of new Chief Statistician he informed that the process of recruitment of new Chief Statistician is in the pipeline and hopefully the new Chief Statistician will be available before the next meeting of the Sub Committee.

5. The Chair requested the Acting Chief Statistician to give briefing on the second agenda item of the meeting. Member (Censuses and Surveys) gave detailed briefing on the methodology adopted for holding of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of Population and Housing Census 2017. He informed that the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase was concluded on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, however, the field operation was extended for one week in those areas which were left out during normal census operation. PBS had also arranged Teams along with Army personnel to visit those households which were not covered earlier. Dr. G. Arif recorded his observation that Census teams in his area had thoroughly followed up each household even after repeated visits. He also congratulated the PBS Team and informed that the people were also anxious to be counted in the census process and showed their keen interest

6. The Former Chief Statistician informed the house that Technical Committees formed by the Governments of the Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh visited PBS to apprise them about Data Scanning and Data Processing job being done at PBS, Islamabad. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Member Sub Committee informed that he had interaction with the Members of the Technical Committee

formed by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who visited PBS and saw the protocols being adopted in data processing and the scanning of REN-2 Forms. The KP Technical Committee had shown their satisfaction for the work being done at PBS headquarters Islamabad. This is in light of earlier concerns that Federal / Provincial Governments and even Army had about conducting of Census in difficult situation in the country when the Supreme Court of Pakistan gave his verdict that Census may be started from 15<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017

7. The participants were informed that the PBS sent Rupees 50 thousand to each of the DCs for local publicity at the time of field operation. The DCs gave some money to the Moulana's for making announcement on loud speaker in the mosques and some amount was given to local cable operators to launch a publicity campaign on local network/TVs etc. This created interests in the local public. Dr. Mehtab S Kareem asked about the response of female respondents, while enumerators were male members, it was clarified that female gave answers to the enumerators while standing behind the doors, and no such complaints were received from the field about non-coverage of population due to deployment of male enumerators.

8. Dr. G. M Arif asked that whether ages were recorded with the help of date of birth written on the CNIC or the years reported by the respondents and whether probing was made. It was clarified that most of the time age was recorded as reported by the respondents.

9. It was felt that in the peril urban areas, mouzas / dehs have not been declared as urban and local Governments should have to notify the boundaries of urban areas so that accurate information about rural and urban areas could be worked out. This was one lesson to be learnt in advance of the next Census. On the

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query of one of the Member, it was informed that total number of enumeration blocks are 168943. It was informed that retrieval of filled in Census documents was made under the security cover of Armed Forces. This was done due to incidents that had occurred during 1998 census when filled-in questionnaires were snatched by in Quetta.

10. The house was informed that some (40 blocks) of snow bound areas i.e. Gultari of GB were not covered during census operation, where enumeration is going on now-a-days. About 100 blocks have not been covered in *Daata Khel* Tehsil of North Waziristan due to not cleared security point of view. It was inquired that blocks in that area have been formed on the basis of population or area. It was clarified that blocks have been formed on the basis of area. The population of TDPs was covered by asking the head of household to be present in the area where his house was located and be present there during enumeration period and provide the information to the enumerators about his family members so that proper counting of TDPs could be ensured in their respective areas of origin . It was pointed out that such people could have been double counted. Mr., Bajwa sahib ex \_CS clarified that we are matching the CNICs of such persons and if identified then same will be counted in their respective Agencies. It was desired that documentation of the process followed should be included in the Census report. Dr. G. M Arif supported the idea. It was apprehended that population of Waziristan will be under counted as peoples have not returned to their houses yet.

11. Dr. Mehtab S. Karim suggested that Committee should be a part of formulation of preliminary results as per TORs of the Committee which are being presented to the government by end of July, 2017. It was informed that results will be based on Admin. District level with rural / urban break down with gender as in the

case of the 1998 Census. Age wise data will not be available in the preliminary provisional results.

12. The house was informed that as per recommendation of the Sub Committee in an earlier meeting, REN-2 Forms are being scanned for record and later on same can be used for checking of accuracy of data. Scanning of REN-2 Forms of phase -1 has been completed whereas scanning of REN-2 of phase-II is in progress. It was also informed that 10% checking of REN-2 Forms with original forms i.e. Form – 2 is also being done for the accuracy of data. It was informed that scanning of ICR Form – 2 will start in another 15 days which will be completed by April, 2018. The target for completion of manual editing is 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 which will be completed by our own staff.

13. PBS is facing shortage of manpower, however, this shortage of about 300 people will be met from internees. Method of manual editing and computer edit checks was also clarified to the house.

14. Dr. Syed Muhammad Arif suggested that brought up the option that provisional summary results may not be issued at this stage prior to main results as these results are not useable and we may issue final results to pre-empt any changes.

15. The Chair desired that Committee may be involved in the preparation of provisional summary results as it was part of the TOR of the SC. The level of engagement depended on PBS level of comfort.

16. A question regarding distorted data gathered during census operation was asked that how we can tackle the issue. Chair informed that in order to tackle the issue we have to conduct post enumeration survey for accuracy of data. Technical

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Committee may recommend adjustment of data of that area and recommend to holdup results of that area. The other option is that the contentious results may be withheld. Dr. Mehtab advised that it is universal practice in the world to adjust the population in such situation even America do so.

17. It was decided by the SC and PBS that if data is available by admin district level we may hold another meeting before end of July, 2017 to study the Census results and give our recommendation in the formulation of Provisional Summary Results. It was decided that next meeting may be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.

18. Meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.

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- 4) Dr. Qamruz Zaman, Professor, Peshawar University, Peshawar
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- 7) Syed Muhammad Arif, Professor (Rtd), Balochsitan University, Quetta
- 8) Dr. Muhammad Farooq Naseer, Assistant Professor, LUMS, Lahore
- 9) Mr. Asif Bajwa, Former Chief Statistician, PBS, Islamabad
- 10) Mr. Mahmood Akhtar, Member (RM)/Acting Chief Statistician, PBS, Islamabad
- 11) Dr. Sajjad Akhtar, Member (ES) PBS, Islamabad.
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