

Subject: MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

The 9th Meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was held on 7th July, 2017 at 11:00 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. Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Asad Zaman. At the beginning chair thanked the PBS that Census operation has been carried out smoothly. No protest / agitation from any corner of the country have been observed. Political leadership has also showed confidence on this mega exercise. This all was possible due to able leadership of Bajwa Sahib and hard work done by his team. Chair informed the house that Census is the manifesto of the present Government. We all feel proud as a nation that 6th Population and Housing has been taken place in a peaceful manner in a difficult condition. The chair further informed that Generalists are contacting her with the remarks that they are satisfied with the holding of Census in a smooth manner in the country. 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. Member (RM), Acting Chief Statistician informed the participants that a short time is left to present the Provisional Summary Results to the Government. 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 pipeline and hopefully the new Chief Statistician will be available before the next meeting of the Sub Committee.

3. Chair asked Acting Chief Statistician to give briefing on the second agenda of the meeting. Member (Censuses and Surveys) gave detailed briefing on the methodology adopted for holding of 2nd phase of Population and Housing Census 2017. He informed that 2nd phase was concluded on 24th 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 alongwith Army personnel to visit those households which were not covered earlier. Dr. G. Arif expressed his views and informed that Chief Census Commissioner and his Team done a marvellous job, from top to bottom everybody done a good job in the completion of their national duty. The Teams made their efforts to count every person in his area. He quoted some instances for the locked houses that Team enumerated after visiting several times. 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. He mentioned that he met the peoples in his village/ area where he saw that peoples want to be counted in the census process.

4. 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 Technica

Committee showed their satisfaction for the work being done at PBS headquarters Islamabad.

5. The participants were informed that PBS sent Rupees 50 thousand to all 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 some amount was given to local cable operators to launch 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.

6. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal commented that Federal / Provincial Governments and even Army were worried about conducting of Census in difficult situation in the country and Supreme Court of Pakistan gave his verdict that Census may be started from 15th of March, 2017. 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 no probing was made. It was clarified that most of the time age was recorded as reported by the respondents

7. It was felt that in the peri urban areas, mouzas/dehs have not been declared as urban and local Governments should have to notified the boundaries of urban areas so that accurate information about rural and urban areas could be worked out. On the 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 occurred during 1998 census when filled-in questionnaires were snatched by some miscreants in Quetta. 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 Kheil* 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 enumeration of TDPs could be ensured in their respective areas. It was pointed out that such people would have been double counted, Bajwa sahib 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 a foot notes in this regard may be given 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.

8. Dr. Mehtab S. Kareem 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. Age wise data will not be available in the preliminary provisional results. The house was informed that as per recommendation of the Committee 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

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- 1) Dr. Zeba A. Sathar, Country Director, Population Council, Islamabad
- 2) Dr. Asad Zaman, Vice Chancellor, PIDE, Islamabad
- 3) Dr. G.M. Arif, Ex-Director, PIDE, Islamabad
- 4) Dr. Qamruz Zaman, Professor, Peshawar University, Peshawar
- 5) Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Professor, Peshawar University, Peshawar
- 6) Dr. Mehtab S. Karim, Vice Chancellor, Malir University, Karachi
- 7) Syed Muhammad Arif, Professor (Rtd), Balochistan 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.
- 12) Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Member (C&S), PBS, Islamabad
- 13) Mrs. Rabia Awan, Director (FO), PBS, Islamabad
- 14) Mr. Saeed Ahmed, Assistant Census Commissioner, PBS, Islamabad
- 15) Mr. Liaquat Ali Chattha, Field Monitoring Officer, PBS, Islamabad
