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Subject: RECORD NOTE ON THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON POPULATION CENSUS - 2017

A meeting of the Technical Committee of Balochistan Province on Population and Housing Census-2017 was held in the Conference Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 at 02.00 PM. List of participants is annexed.

2. The Committee Members visited the store room, editing coding halls, data scanning halls and the members were explained detail data processing steps being used by PBS for preparations of final results. The Members raised certain questions, during their visit, which were responded by the Consultant on the spot. The Committee members showed their satisfaction on the arrangements made for storage of documents, editing coding and scanning of filled-in ICR Forms. After visiting of data processing areas, proceeding of the meeting formally started in the Conference Room of PBS. Meeting started with the recitation of few verses from the holy *Quran*. The Chief Statistician thanked the participants for attending the meeting. The Chief Statistician informed that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Technical Committee from Balochistan Province. Participants introduced themselves one by one, Chairman Technical Committee informed that Committee has reservation on the Census results of some parts of the Balochistan province and Committee wants to get their reservations addressed.

3. Member (C&S) highlighted the steps and methodology used for the conduct of census and informed that editing coding of filled-in Census documents ICR Form-2 is in progress. The second part of ICR Form-2 which is scanning/ data processing is also in progress. It was informed that

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the provisional results have been compiled on the basis of Summary Form REN-2 which was prepared by the Enumerators in the field, while detailed results will be prepared on the basis of ICR Form-2, due to which minor changes in provisional and final results can be observed. It was informed that people living in Refugee villages have not been included in the Provisional Results of Census 2017, while those who are living mixed up with common population have been included in the provisional results. At data processing level, these non-Pakistani will be segregated and their data will be published separately.

4. On a query that whether CNIC was mandatory in the census process, the Committee was informed that it was not mandatory. All families/individuals residing in the country during Census reference day have been counted in the Census, irrespective of the fact that they had CNIC or not. It was further clarified that PBS strictly followed the notified boundaries of the urban/rural areas issued by respective provincial government departments. While explaining the census dates, it was informed that process of Census operation started from 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 and continued till 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. However, in order to redress the complaints, field operation was extended upto 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Moreover, on the request of Minister Abdul Qadar Baloch census dates were extended upto 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 in some districts of Balochistan. On the question, it was informed that census in Kech and Awaran was conducted during two phases due to less number of local lavies/police staff available for census duty.

5. The results of Awaran and Kech districts were questioned by the Agha Syed Liaqat Ali MPA, Member of the Committee and asked that have PBS done any home work for such issue? It was informed that more number of blocks were reported during Census operation. The issue was referred back to the Census District Officer/DC for justification. Accordingly the issue was discussed by the Deputy Commissioner Kech and Southern Commands. The Member of the Committee informed that Awaran and Kech

are those districts where flag of Pakistan cannot be aired except on the offices of Deputy Commissioners, then how it is possible that census has been conducted in these areas successfully, where insurgency is in place. On the issue of blocked CNICs, it was informed that CNIC numbers have been recorded in the census form. The data of blocked CNICs, will be shared by NADRA and these numbers will be cross matched with the census database, those found blocked will be segregated from the population. The honourable member asked following questions for clarification:-

- Why PBS made more blocks in Kech without approval of the provincial cabinet?
- Why the time of field operation was extended in Kech?
- Whether the persons with blocked CNIC has not been counted in the census operation?

6. Honourable member Agha Syed Liaqat Ali MPA further mentioned that Kech is a sensitive area and insurgency is in place, then how we believe that PBS has done census in that area successfully. The growth rate during census 1998 was 0.50, whereas it has gone upto 4.23% in Kech district which is not believable. He further informed that mining areas of Balochistan Province have not been covered in Qila Abdullah, Muslim Bagh and Pashin districts. Member further mentioned that they were not aware that PBS has increased number of Blocks and extended enumeration time in Kech, which is a matter of concern. The population of Harnai is quite amazing, as area is agricultural area and people are living happy life there, then why the population of Harnai is on lower side? It was informed that Harnai was not a district at the time of 1998-Census, therefore, population has been adjusted. On the issue of delimitation, Consultant informed that Provisional Census results 2017 will be used in the next general elections. This is one time dispensation, because PBS has to issue final results by end of April, 2018. As it was decided in the CCI and

IPCC / Parliamentary Parties meetings that for next general elections Provisional Results of Census 2017 will be applied.

7. It was informed that Committee will submit report to the Chief Minister regarding Census results of Kech, Pishin and will also discuss Coal Mines issues and will come again to PBS with presentation within one week's time. It was informed that on random basis and in doubt full cases, family tree verification was done from NADRA. In order to check the field quality a Farm called FQC was devised which was filled by the respective Census District Officer and the members of the Coordination Committees in the field. PBS has also got completion certificates from the respective Census District Officers. On a question about the editing/coding, scanning and data processing of Census Forms, it was informed that these steps will be completed by end February, 2018. Chairman of the Committee informed that he moved a resolution for counting of disabled person. On this Member (C&S) PBS informed that PBS has counted the disabled persons but number is too less therefore the same has not been issued.

8. At the end, it was decided that Committee will visit next week.

9. Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Committee members from the Chief Census Commissioner/Chief Statistician and by the Consultant.

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**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE HELD ON 02-11-2017**

- 1) Prince Ahmed Ali. Chairman / MPA Lasbela Balochistan.
- 2) Agha Syed Liaqat Ali, MPA Pishin Balochistan
- 3) Mr. Jaffar Iqbal, Director Statistics Home Department Government of Balochistan, Quetta
- 4) Mr. Abdul Ghaffar Kakar, Director General, Bureau of Statistics, Balochistan, Quetta
- 5) Mr. Jawad Ahmed, Director IT, Balochistan
- 6) Mr. Asif Bajwa, Consultant on Census, PBS, Islamabad
- 7) Mr. Mahmood Akhtar, Chief Statistician, PBS, Islamabad
- 8) Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Member (C&S), PBS, Islamabad
- 9) Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (SS), PBS, Islamabad
- 10) Mr. Muhammad Bashir Janjua, DG (Admn), PBS, Islamabad
- 11) Mr. Khalid Hussain Bhatti, DDG, PBS, Islamabad
- 12) Mrs. Rabia Awan, Director(FO), PBS, Islamabad
- 13) Mr. Yasir Ishfaq, CSA, PBS, Islamabad
- 14) Mr. Mudasir Akhtar, DPO, PBS, Islamabad
- 15) Mr. Liaquat Ali Chattha, FMO, PBS, Islamabad
- 16) Mr. Saeed Ahmed, ACC(DP), PBS, Islamabad

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