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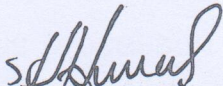
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Subject: - RECORD NOTE ON THE MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF FATA ON POPULATION CENSUS-2017

Enclosed please find herewith record note of Technical Committee Meeting, FATA held on 21st November, 2017 in the Conference Room of PBS, Islamabad for information and perusal please.


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Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING /VISIT OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF FATA TO MONITOR THE DATA PROCESSING OF 6TH POPULATION & HOUSING CENSUS-2017

Meeting of the Technical Committee of FATA on Population and Housing Census-2017 was held on 21st November, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Committee Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad under the chairmanship of the Chief Statistician/Member (RM), PBS, Islamabad. The chair welcomed the participants and mentioned that since it is the first meeting of the Committee, therefore, PBS would like to brief the Committee about the procedure adopted for carrying out the Census process in FATA and steps taken by PBS for processing of Census data. The chair handed over the floor to Consultant, PBS for detail briefing.

The Consultant informed the participants that Census in FATA was conducted under similar arrangements as was done in other parts of the country. The Census was conducted in two phases. Orakzai Agency was covered in first phase while rest of the Agencies were covered in the 2nd Phase. The filled in census documents were transported to PBS HQ, Islamabad in the NLC containers under the supervision of Armed Forces. The editing / coding of filled in Census documents has also been started simultaneously, while provisional results have been compiled on the basis of REN-2 Form, a summary of sheet developed for each block. The Members of the Technical Committee will be taken down stairs, where editing / coding and scanning process is going on to have first hand knowledge about the steps being taken by PBS for census data processing.

After detail briefing the Chairman Technical Committee was asked to give their view point regarding census operation carried out in FATA and observations / reservations if any.

The Chairman, Technical Committee thanked PBS for providing opportunity to learn about the Census process and share their grievances with the PBS and have some explanation about the reservations. He mentioned that he has some reservations for which he will require possible explanation from the PBS. The Chairman Technical Committee alongwith its members apprised that it is their main responsibility to stand for the case of under reported population of FATA. The Chairman mentioned following reservations and raised questions related to Census Results-2017 especially on the under reporting of population of FATA.

- a) The population of FATA has been shown far less than expected.
- b) The people of FATA ~~during election~~ complained that a large number of population was not counted in the census process, why it has so happened?
- d) There is a lack of coordination /confidence between federation and parliamentarians on the coverage issue in the exercise of census.
- e) The Issue of under counting of population was also raised in SAFRON but reservations were ignored.
- f) Census was not conducted in his own village "Rajgan" where Five members of his family were martyred in Bomb blast.
- h) According to his estimation the population of FATA must be around 10 million, and it is pertinent to increase national Assembly seats over and above 12 seats already allocated to FATA.
- i) The methodology adopted to count the people of FATA living in other parts of the country needs to be explained to the Committee.

- j) A large number of women living in FATA were missed in counting due to not having of CNIC.
- k) When the census exercise will be carried out in the leftover areas of FATA, such as Detta Khail, Baizai and other such areas of FATA ?
- l) How third party will be appointed for validation of Census results?
- m) It is not fair for SAFRON to impose their decisions upon residents of FATA and similarly the rights of representation of FATA should not be vested with the SAFRON.
- n) The residents of FATA living in different parts of the country due to law & order situation of the area may be adjusted in the population of FATA.

The Consultant on Census on behalf of PBS clarified the Department's position regarding Census Results-2017 specially on under coverage of population of FATA and responded to all questions/objections, raised by the Chairman, of the Technical Committee. The Consultant mentioned that:-

- Two things may please be kept in mind that, same environment and methodology for listing of households and enumeration of Population was adopted as was done in other parts of the country. No discrimination was made in this regard. As far as 2nd issue i.e growth of population is showing decreasing trend against expectation of parliamentarians of FATA is concerned, in this regards PBS would like to clear that efforts were made to enumerate all the families living in FATA during census operation and it was ensured that nobody is left out. Political Leaders were asked to call the residents of local area to stand by the debris of their demolished houses and get

themselves and families counted in the Census process, irrespective of the facts that where they, were residing. The Consultant mentioned that population of Punjab province has also not increased rather it has gone down as compared to previous Census. He mentioned that there are number of reasons for decrease in population of certain areas.

- The main reason for less population of FATA is that there is a trend of more out migration and shifting of the population of FATA to different areas of the country as people have settled in Karachi, Peshawar and Islamabad due to better education, getting basic facilities, business and searching for the jobs/ service etc. in the developed areas of the country and naturally have not gone back to FATA.
- The Consultant mentioned that if we study the family composition in Urban areas, it would be observed that size of the family/ household is diminishing and is declining due to more education, family planning programmes and cost of running the household expenditures etc.
- PBS has tried its best that no person of FATA should remain uncounted during census operation 2017 but as reported a large portion of population of FATA was living in Afghanistan and PBS has counted only those persons who were available in Pakistan on census day.
- It was informed that some areas of FATA remained uncounted due to militancy or other causes and to our knowledge around 130 census blocks still remained uncounted.

- As per constitution 12 seats of National Assembly have been allocated for FATA, but as per Technical Committee's claim National Assembly seats should be allocated on the basis of population, FATA's seats can come down to 6 seats rather than 12 seats.
- To apprise the chairman of Technical Committee of FATA about the growth Rate observed in current Census, the Member(C& S) showed a slide showing overall growth of FATA population over the last three Censuses through a table as under:

Period	1981	1998	2017
Annual Growth Rate	-1.47	2.19	2.41

- The Consultant mentioned that usual place of residence has been taken as last 6 months.
- It was decided in a meeting held with SAFRON that IDPs will be adjusted in the population of FATA by acquiring the CNICs data from NADRA and FDMA and the same will be adjusted in the final results of Census-2017.
- The other members of the Technical Committee also endorsed the idea of chairman that PBS must count inhabitants of FATA, through their CNIC's and their population should be adjusted in respective Agency.
- The Consultant clarified that process of Listing of buildings and enumeration of population in FATA was done by the local staff. PBS has matched the figures of civil enumerators with Army authorities and will also try to avoid any double counting.

- It was informed that Counting of voter list is a different issue. However all persons either Afghani, Bangali or any other foreigners found living within boundaries of Pakistan were counted as non-Pakistanis in the Census process.

After detailed deliberation and briefing on technical issues, census methodology and clarifications given by the Consultant, the Chairman showed its satisfaction and stressed that individuals belonging to FATA either living in settled areas or in other parts of the county must be considered the part of FATA population and may be adjusted accordingly.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chairman of Technical Committee for detail briefing.

List of Participants

- 1) Mr. Nasir Khan, Member National Assembly, Khyber Agency, FATA, Peshawar.
- 2) Mr. Asif Bajwa, Consultant on Census, PBS, Islamabad
- 3) Mr. Mahmood Akhtar, Chief Statistician, PBS, Islamabad
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- 6) Deputy Director, Bureau of Statistics, FATA Secretariat, Warsak Road, Peshawar
- 7) Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Member (C & S), PBS, Islamabad
- 8) Mr. Muhammad Sarwar Gondal, Member (SS), PBS, Islamabad
- 9) Mr. Muhammad Bashir Janjua, DG (Admn), PBS, Islamabad
- 10) Mrs. Rabia Awan, Director, PBS, Islamabad.