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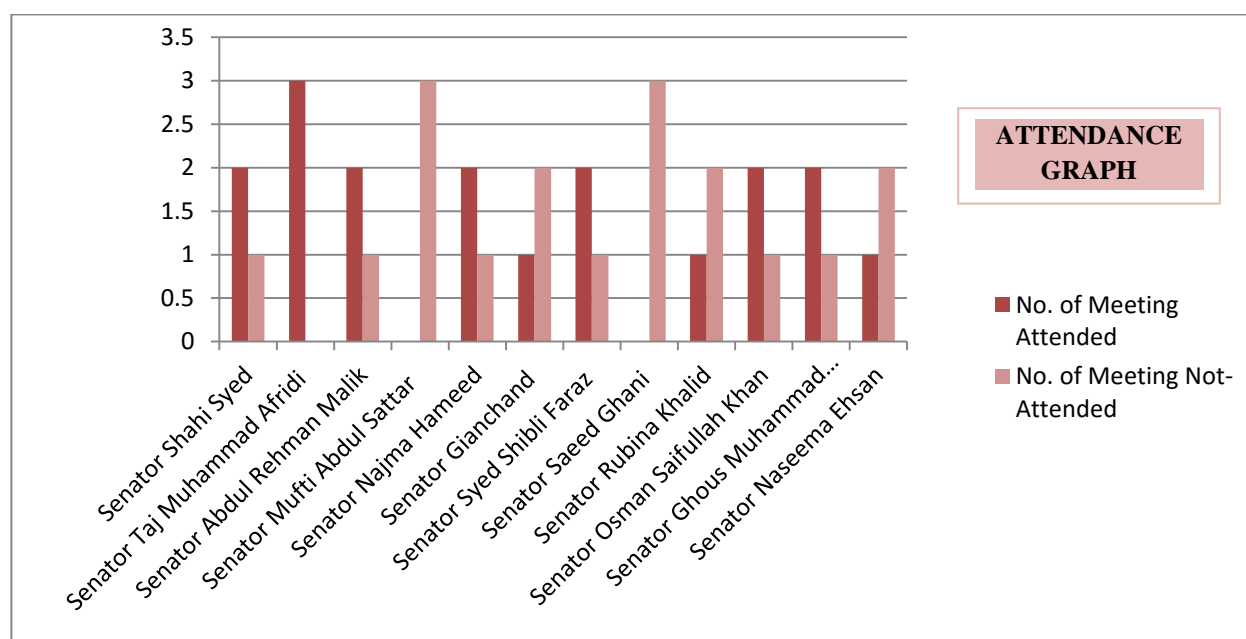
1.	Senator Shahi Syed	Chairman	
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member	
3.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member	
4.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member	
5.	Senator Gianchand	Member	
6.	Senator Najma Hameed	Member	
7.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member	
8.	Senator Saeed Ghani*	Member	
9.	Senator Murtaza Wahab*	Member	
10.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member	
11.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member	
12.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member	
13.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member	
14.	Mr. Asim Khan Goraya, J. S., Senate Secretariat	Secretary Committee	
*Senator Murtaza Wahab nominated as member of the Committee vice senator Saeed Ghani on 23-08-2017.			

2. Sittings of the Committee:

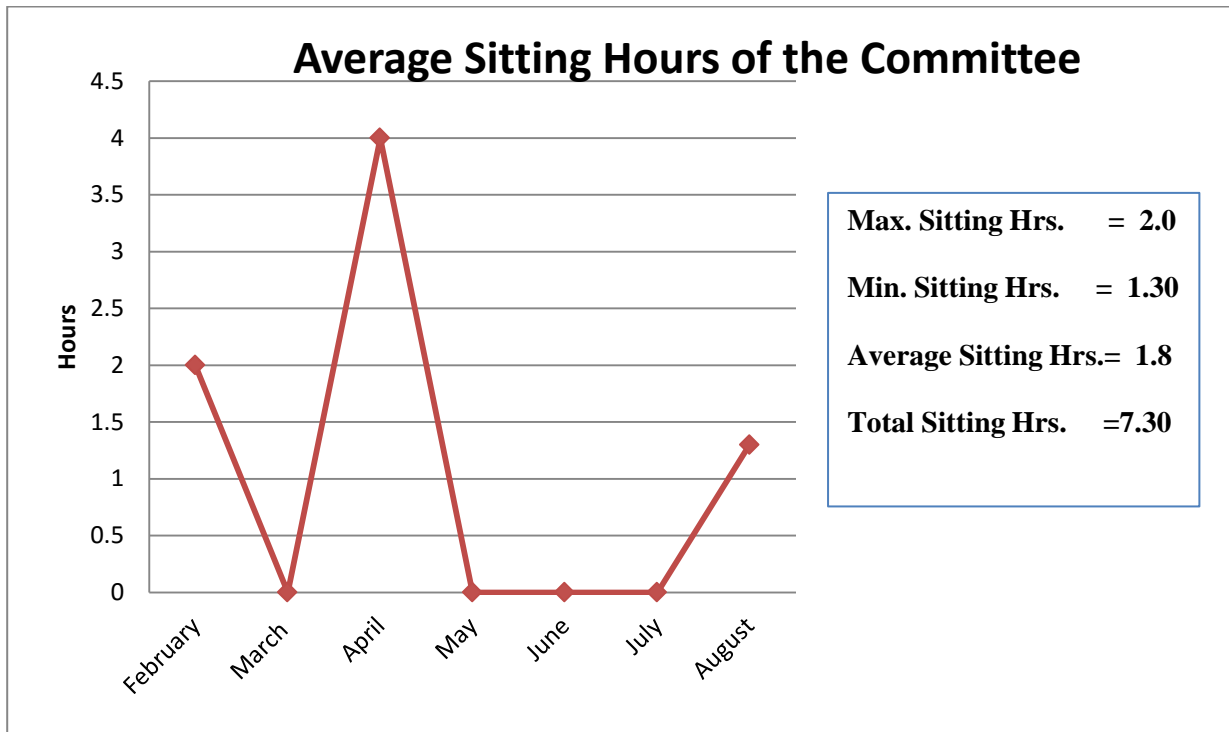
February 2017 (01 Sitting)	March 2017 (No Sitting)	April 2017 (02 Sittings)	May 2017 (No Sitting)	June 2017 (No Sitting)	July 2017 (No Sitting)	August 2017 (01 Sitting)
1) 22-02-2017	Nil	1) 05-04-2017 2) 13-04-2017	Nil	Nil	Nil	1) 17-08-2017
Total number of meetings held during the period = 04						

3. Attendance of the Chairman/Members in (04) meetings held during the period:

Sl. No.	Name of the Member	Number of Meetings Attended	Number of Meetings Not-Attended	Number of Meetings in which Leave was sought
1.	Senator Shahi Syed (Chairman)	03	01	-
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	04	00	-
3.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	03	01	-
4.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	00	04	-
5.	Senator Najma Hameed	03	01	-
6.	Senator Gianchand	02	02	-
7.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	03	01	-
8.	Senator Saeed Ghani	00	04	01
9.	Senator Rubina Khalid	02	02	-
10.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	02	02	-
11.	Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	02	02	-
12.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	01	03	-



4. Sitting hours of the Committee:



5. Visits of the Committee during the Period:

Sl. No.	Place of Visit	Purpose of Visit [Public Hearing/ Study/ Progress]	Dates of Visit
No visit was conducted by the Committee during the period.			

6. Matters referred by the House or the Chairman (including pending issues):

Sl. No.	Referred Matters	Referred Date
1.	No matter was referred by the House or the Chairman during the period.	

7. Public Petitions Referred and Disposed:

Sl. No.	Number/ Subject of Public Petition	Date of Referral	Status of Petition	
			Disposed	Pending/ under Consideration
1.	Public petition No. 1738, submitted by	09-02-2017	Disposed off	-

	Mr. Muhammad Umer Soomro, regarding failure of PTA in controlling unsolicited marketing SMSs by Telecoms to cellular subscribers.			
2.	Public Petition No. 1763, submitted Mr. Muhammad Akram, regarding increase in pensions by the PTET	10-03-2017	Disposed off.	-

8. Agenda Items of the Meetings:

1) Meeting held on 22-02-2017:

- i. Confirmation and Compliance of previous Committee meeting discussions/recommendations
- ii. Follow up of the recommendations made by the Sub-Committee of the Senate Standing Committee on I.T. and Telecommunication regarding problems being faced by the Universal Service fund (USF) in execution of its projects in the areas of Province of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA
- iii. Bi-annual review of the budgetary allocation and its utilization of Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunication for the year 2016-17, as required under the sub-rule (4) of the Rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- iv. Termination of agreements of hundreds Franchiese of Warid Telecom and Jazz across the country by Pakistan Mobile Communications Limited (Jazz).
- v. Public Petition No. 1738, submitted by one Mr. Muhammad Umer Soomro, regarding failure of PTA in controlling unsolicited marketing SMSs by Telecoms to cellular subscribers.

2) Meeting held on 05-04-2017:

- i. Confirmation and compliance of previous Committee meeting decisions/recommendations.
- ii. Initiatives taken by PTA to monitor and control blasphemous contents on social media.
- iii. Briefing by F.I.A about latest update of inquiry conducted into the massive irregularities committed in the 13 different PSDP funded projects of National Information Technology Board (NITB).

3) Meeting held on 13-04-2017:

- i. Confirmation and compliance of previous Committee meeting decisions/recommendations.
- ii. Implementation status of the recommendations/directions given by the Standing Committee in its meeting held on 5th January, 2017, regarding establishment of

- mechanism by FBR for connectivity with servers of mobile phone operators for monitoring of withholding taxes.
- iii. Consideration of Public Petition No. 1763, submitted by one Mr. Muhammad Akram, Pensioner of PTCL, regarding non-payment of increase in the pension by the PTEL.
 - iv. Consideration of Public Petition No. 1783, submitted by one Mr. Malik Abdullah, regarding suspension of mobile phone networks in Mohmand Agency. FATA and suspension of internet as well as PTCL Service in the area.

4) Meeting held on 17-08-2017:

- i. Head-wise briefing on the annual budgetary allocation along with its utilization for the financial year 2016-17 in respect of the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication and its attached departments, corporation, autonomous body etc. pursuant to Rule 166 (4) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- ii. Implementation status of recommendations of the Committee made in its last meeting regarding issue of termination of agreements of 263 franchisees of Waridtel and Jazz across the country by Pakistan Mobile Communication Limited.
- iii. Implementation status of recommendations of the Committee regarding increase in the pension of all the retired employees of PTCL.
- iv. Briefing by Director, FIA, on the latest update of inquiry conducted into the massive irregularities committed in 13 different PSFP funded projects of National Information Technology Board (NITB).
- v. Presentation of report of the Sub-Committee which was constituted to report on the problems being faced by USF in implantation of its projects in the country.

9. Important Recommendations of the Committee:

1) Meeting held on 22-02-2017:

- i. The Committee unanimously recommended that the Government should consider to increase Budget allocation of I.T. Sector/Ministry of I.T. & T consider to increase its utmost importance and also to bring I.T service at par with international standards.
- ii. The Committee recommended that since closure of about 263 franchisees of Warid tel has caused un-employment in the country as well as increased difficulties for Franchisees, therefore, all the stakeholders should sit together to find out a way forward for amicable resolution of the issue, before the next Committee meeting.

2) Meeting held on 05-04-2017:

- i. The Committee recommended that PTA should increase its manpower/experts, improve its equipment and take concrete steps to actively monitor and block the blasphemous content from social media.
- ii. The Committee recommended PTA to give suggestions/proposals for enhancing their capabilities, in writing to the Committee before the next meeting of the Committee.
- iii. The Committee recommended that concerned Director FIA who is conducting inquiry into the issue of irregularities committed in the 13 different PSFP funded projects of National Information Technology Board (NITB) must attend next Committee meeting to brief the Committee about progress made so far into the matter.

3) Meeting held on 13-04-2017:

- i. The Committee recommended that PTA should submit a compliance in the matter regarding closure of 263 Franchises of Warid Tel by the Jazz Company before the next meeting of the Committee.
- ii. The Committee Recommended that FBR should enhance its efforts to develop a compatible system for connecting the servers with Telcos for monitoring of the WHT. FBR should also press upon all the Telcos to upload the data regarding collection of WHT by the Telcos at the earliest and submit a compliance report in this regard within three months of the Committee.

4) Meeting held on 17-08-2017:

- i. The Committee recommended that the budgetary allocation of the M/o I.T. should be increased considering the need as well as importance of the I.T. sector in the country.
- ii. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of I.T. and its sub-ordinate Pakistan Telecommunication Employees Trust should devise a strategy to resolve the matter regarding increase pension of all the retired PTCL employees as already decided by the Supreme Court, within a period of four (04) weeks otherwise the Committee would consider to move a Privilege Motion against the officials of Ministry of I.T. for not implementing the directions of the Committee.
- iii. The Committee recommends that the officers/officials and vendors found involved in the Gross violations of rules and regulations committed in the embezzlement of funds in NITP projects which resulted to loss of millions of Rupees to national ex checker should be brought to justice.
- iv. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of I.T. should proposed amendment in the concern law for adoption of E-Filing system in all the Ministries/Divisions.
- v. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of I.T. may brief the Committee in its next meeting regarding establishment of IT parks being established in the country.

10. Sub Committee meetings:

Sl. No.	Details of Sub-Committee / Meetings held during the period	
1.	Date of Formation of the Sub-Committee with Composition:	22-02-2017 1. Senator Taj Muhammad Afraid Convener 2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz Member 3. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi Member
2.	TORs /Agenda of the Sub-Committee:	1. <u>02-05-2017</u> i. To report on the matter regarding issuance of NOCs to Universal Service Fund (USF) for conducting survey for initiation

		<p>of projects in under-served areas of FATA; and</p> <p>ii. Problems still being faced by the Universal Service Fund (USF) in execution and implementation of its projects in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.</p> <p>2. <u>04-05-2017</u></p> <p>iii. To report on the matter regarding issuance of NOCs to Universal Service Fund (USF) for conducting survey for initiation of projects in under-served areas of FATA; and</p> <p>iv. Problems still being faced by the Universal Service Fund (USF) in execution and implementation of its projects in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.</p> <p>3. <u>13-06-2017</u></p> <p>i. To report on the matter regarding issuance of NOCs to Universal Services Fund (USF) for conducting survey for initiation of projects in under-served and un-served areas of FATA; and</p> <p>ii. Problems still being faced by the Universal Services Fund (USF) in execution & implementation of its projects in the Provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & Balochistan.</p>
3.	Dates of Meetings held:	<p>1. <u>02-05-2017</u></p> <p>2. <u>04-05-2017</u></p> <p>3. <u>13-06-2017</u></p>
4.	Attendance of the Members:	<p>1. <u>02-05-2017</u></p> <p>i. Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi Convener</p> <p>ii. Senator Ghous Muahammad Khan Niazi -Member</p> <p>2. <u>04-05-2017</u></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi Convener ii. Senator Ghous Muahammad Khan Niazi -Member <p>3. <u>13-06-2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Senator Taj Muhammad Afrid Convener ii. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz Member iii. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad iv. Khan Niazi Member
<p>5.</p>	<p>Important Recommendations made by the Sub-Committee:</p>	<p>1. <u>Meeting held on 02-05-2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Sub-Committee expressed displeasure over non-attendance of the meeting of the Sub-Committee by Chief Secretary, KPK, Additional Chief Secretary FATA, Secretary, Law and Order Department, and Political Agents of Khyber, Mohmand and Bajaur Agencies with the directions to attend the next meeting. ii. The Sub-Committee recommended that Secretary Law & Order Department, FATA should coordinate with the Authorities of XI Corps to expedite the process of issuance of NOC to USF so that it could conduct survey in that regard may be provided to the Committee within a period of 15 days. iii. The Sub-Committee recommended that the M/o IT&T and USF should hold a meeting with Secretary, I.T. KPK, and share with him comprehensive details of USF projects being initiated in that Province. <p>2. <u>Meeting held on 04-05-2017:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Government of Balochistan should take effective steps to provide fool proof security, proper assistance, facilitation and

		<p>remove the bottlenecks in order to ensure smooth and timely completion of the USF projects in Balochistan .</p> <p>ii. The Government of Balochistan should nominate the Secretary , Information Technology Department, Balochistan as a focal person and the USF and its contractors should approach him/her in case of any difficulty in execution of its projects in the province.</p> <p>iii. The Universal Service Fund should coordinate with Secretary, I.T. Department, and Balochistan and provide him complete details of projects launched by USF in Balochistan along with problems being faced in execution of its projects.</p> <p>iv. The Secretary, I.T. Department, Government of Balochistan should apprise the Sub-Committee regarding steps taken by them in order to complete the USF projects in that Province within a period of 30 days.</p> <p>3. <u>Meeting held on 13-06-2017:</u></p> <p>i. The ACS FATA Secretariat should attend next Committee meeting and explain position about his absence from the Committee meetings.</p> <p>ii. The Sub-Committee strongly recommended that the Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, KPK should take immediate necessary steps to facilitate USF so that it can initiate its projects on 129 different sites falling under administrative control of Forest & Environment Department.</p>
6.	Date of completion of tenure of the Sub-Committee:	13-06-2017
7.	Date of Submission of report to the Standing Committee:	13-06-2017

8.	Report of the Sub-Committee, if presented, in the House as Special Report of the main Committee (if so, the date of presentation.	-
9.	Matters referred to the Sub-Committee	-

11. Recommendations of the Committee requiring statement by the Minister in the House under rule 265(A) of the RPCBS, 2012:

Sl. No.	Name of the Report	Recommendations	Date Reported
		Nil	

12. Reports tabled in the House:

Sl. No.	Reported Matters	Reported Date
	No report was tabled in the House during the period.	

13. Reports adopted by the House:

Sl. No.	Adopted Matters	Adopted Date
	No report was adopted by the House during the period.	