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REPORT

OF

THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

ON

PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS

(8th June, 2012 TO 4th Dec, 2014)

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SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON
PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS**

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PREFACE

As Chairman of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, I am pleased to present the report of the meetings of the Committee held during the period from 8th June, 2012 to 4th December, 2014. The Committee in its meetings in the aforementioned period deliberated extensively on multi-dimensional problems of less developed areas of Pakistan and made workable recommendations to different ministries/divisions of the Government for resolving the most daunting problems of those areas on priority basis.

Besides making untiring efforts to define criteria for declaring an area as less developed area and to develop an up-to-date list of the less developed areas of Pakistan, the Committee also strived for the immediate release of funds for those areas so that the grievances of the people of those areas may be addressed satisfactorily. The Committee discussed all the problems of the less developed areas with particular reference to communication, electricity, gas, education, health, and sanitation information technology and telecommunication sectors. Establishment of new utility stores in less developed areas and the allocation of funds under the National Finance Commission Award and Provincial Finance Commission Awards to uplift those areas also caught much attention of the Committee throughout its above-mentioned tenure. The Committee also performed its function of legislative oversight of executive in an efficient way by probing into the funds allocated for different projects in less developed areas and the progress made in that regard and by recommending that corrupt officials/officers may be handed over to National Accountability Bureau (NAB).

The Committee in its meetings advocated and discussed numerous proposals in relation to raising life standards in the under-privileged areas of Pakistan with different Ministries/Departments of the Government including the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, Ministry of Water and Power, Ministry of Industries and Production, Ministry of Finance, WAPDA, OGDCL, PTCL, HEC, NHA etc. The Committee recommended that, along with Government efforts, private sector oil and gas exploration companies should also play their part in the development of less developed areas of Pakistan. Hence, the Committee called upon the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources to develop a mechanism according to which private sector exploration companies are required to increase percentage share of their net profit for utilization on the social welfare schemes in the country particularly less developed areas.

The Committee has played a very active role during its aforesaid tenure for the resolution of problems of the under-developed areas of Pakistan and is determined to keep on playing its vibrant role by highlighting the issues of those areas, discussing them on the apex legislative forum of the country and making practical recommendations to the Government functionaries in this regard. I hope on the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee, all relevant Ministries and Departments of the Government will be able to improve their administrative, financial and operational performance in the less developed areas and earn the respect and confidence of the stakeholders. Therefore, the Committee urges all the concerned to implement its recommendations in true letter and spirit.

I am most grateful to all Members of the Committee for taking keen interest in the issues of less developed areas of Pakistan and participating actively in the meetings. The achievements of the Committee would not have been possible without their diligent and active cooperation. I am also indebted to the Secretary Committee, Malik Arshad Iqbal and my Director Staff, Mr. Hassan Gul Eshrat for their determined efforts and useful role to facilitate the Committee in holding meetings and achieving its goals. Their dedication and sense of duty is highly appreciable.

Sd/-
(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman Committee

Executive Summary

The Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas held 16 meetings during the period from 8th June, 2012 to 4th December, 2014. During these meetings, the Committee took up numerous issues of less developed areas of Pakistan and made a number of significant recommendations.

The Committee was briefed about the criteria adopted by different organizations to declare a particular area as less developed area in Pakistan and also about the previous 5 years progress of work in those areas. The Committee directed the concerned departments to prepare an up-to-date list of less developed areas of the country by taking all stakeholders on board including the Parliamentarians. The Committee discussed in detail the province-wise allocation of funds in PSDP for the less developed areas of the country in different social sectors and suggested that more funds be allocated to uplift those areas. The Committee recommended that special attention be given to FATA, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan and flood affected areas of the country and funds be allocated for them on priority basis. The Committee also directed National Disaster Management Authority to speed-up reconstruction/rehabilitation work in these areas.

The Committee took up the issue of road networks damaged due to floods in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to show promptness in repairing and maintaining roads in those areas. The Committee also engaged NHA to produce a complete detail of its projects in those areas including the list of contracts awarded to Frontier Works Organization (FWO) and other contractors in Balochistan province and also present its future plan of maintenance of roads in less developed areas. NHA also briefed the Committee regarding funds allocated on maintenance of roads in the provinces of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh over the last three years.

Power outage is very persistent across Pakistan and it is more problematic in less developed areas where electrification of many areas is still a distant dream. Besides electrification, many areas of the country either do not have gas supply or have very low pressure during winter season particularly chilly areas of Balochistan. In this regard, the Committee directed the relevant departments including the Ministry of Water and Power, WAPDA, QESCO,

Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources and OGDCL to resolve these issues without further delay. The Committee directed the concerned authorities to complete the on-going electrification and gas projects in less developed areas particularly Balochistan on priority basis and also make new schemes to meet the requirements of people of those areas.

The Committee, in its various meetings, deliberated about the province-wise allocation of funds under NFC Award during 2010-2013 and the percentage share of those funds specified for the less developed areas. The Committee also discussed district-wise and sector-wise allocation of funds under Provincial Finance Commission Award of Balochistan and directed the provincial bureaucracy to ensure that the less developed districts of the province get their constitutional share. The Committee also recommended that provincial government officers/officials involved in embezzlement of funds may be handed over to NAB.

Utility Stores were established in the country to provide subsidized daily-use products to the less-fortunate segments of the society. Contrarily, such stores were either absent or have very minor representation in less developed areas. The Committee recommended to the Ministry of Industries and Production to (i) establish utility stores in all less developed areas particularly Balochistan and FATA, (ii) ensure the representation of all the provinces in the Board of Directors of the Utility Stores Corporation and (iii) devise a mechanism to monitor the utility stores in the far most areas. The Committee also directed that the Ministry of Industries and Production should coordinate with the Ministry of Finance to get the Utility Stores exempted from tax operating in the tax exempted areas.

The Committee was briefed by PTCL on work carried out by them in less developed areas. The Committee observed that the services provided by PTCL and other mobile companies in less developed areas were improper and directed that the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication in coordination with Pakistan Telecom Authority should ensure to improve network coverage of service providers in the less developed areas.

About the social sector development schemes in less developed areas, the Committee directed the relevant Ministries/Departments of the Government to ensure the establishment of (i) modern health centers in all less developed areas of Pakistan particularly Balochistan (ii) technical/vocational institutes, and (iii) computer labs at high school level. The Committee also

directed that the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources in collaboration with OGDCL should ensure to initiate Macro-development schemes for the welfare of people of Balochistan and FATA. The Committee further directed that the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources should devise a mechanism for the public and private sector exploration companies to increase percentage of their net profit for utilization on the social welfare schemes in the less developed areas. The Committee recommended that the Ministry of Water and Power should devise a mechanism for regularization of unregulated tube-wells in the province of Balochistan. It also directed that clean drinking water schemes should be started in Gwadar on priority basis.

The Committee focused much of its attention on improving the education standards of the less developed areas. It recommended that steps should be taken by the Government of Pakistan to promote scholarship-based education in less developed areas by providing more annual scholarships to the students of those areas. The Committee also called for establishing new universities in less developed areas including FATA and Gilgit-Baltistan. The Committee probed into Prime Minister's Lap Top and Fee reimbursement Schemes for the students of less developed areas and recommended that the Government of Pakistan should increase education budget to 6 percent of the GDP. It called upon the Chairman, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan to take up the matter of award of scholarships with the Government of Balochistan to the students of Matriculation and Intermediate levels.

**SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS
DEVELOPED AREAS
(COMPOSITION)**

1. Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Chairman
2. Khalida Parveen	Member
3. Name Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
4. Abdul Rauf	Member
5. Rubina Irfan	Member
6. Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	Member
7. Ahmed Hassan	Member
8. Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
9. Nawabzada Muhammad Akber Magsi	Member
10. Sirdar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa	Member
11. Nisar Muhammad	Member
12. Maulana Tanveer-ul-Haq Thanvi	Member

**Profiles of the
Honourable Chairman
&
Committee Members**

Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini



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Designation	Senator
In Vice Of	Mir Wali Muhammad Badini

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POLITICAL CAREER

COMMITTEE (S)

Committee (s)

Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas (**Chairperson Committee**)
Cabinet Secretariat
Communications
Planning Development and Reform

Khalida Parveen



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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination
Science and Technology
Water and Power
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

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Committee (s)

Committee (s): Communications
Petroleum and Natural Resources
Federal Education and Professional Training
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

Qualification: MA, LLb

Abdul Rauf



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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

- Defence
- Rules of Procedures and Privileges
- Housing and Works
- Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas
- Select Committee

Rubina Irfan



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POLITICAL CAREER

COMMITTEE (S)

Committee (s)

Ports and Shipping

Petroleum and Natural Resources

Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan

Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri



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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage
Interior and Narcotics Control
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas
Defence Production

ACADEMIC CAREER

Qualification	Graduation
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Other Information	Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research.
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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

Railways
Law and Justice
States and Frontier Regions
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

Mir Muhammad Ali Rind



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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

Railways (Chairperson Committee)
Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony
Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas
Employees Welfare Fund
Kashmir Affairs & Gilgit Baltistan

OTHER INFORMATION

Muhammad Ali Rind was born in a respectable family of Rind Tribe in 1944 at Turbat/Kech District of Balochistan. He got his early education from Quetta. A philanthropist by nature, he devoted himself to the development and uplift of the people. His interest in the welfare of the local population motivated him to enter into the realm of politics at the grass root level, and was elected BD member at the age of 20.

Currently, he is Vice President of Balochistan National Party (Awami). Earlier, he has served at many prominent positions during his career. He has been elected Member, Balochistan Provincial Assembly in 1985, 1990 and 1997. He was Minister Revenue and Excise & Taxation in 1990 and Minister for Food, Fisheries and Coastal Development in 1997 in Balochistan Cabinet. He has been Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Minorities Affairs till its dissolution under 18th Amendment, in 2010. He has widely travelled both within and outside Pakistan and has been to various countries in Europe, Middle East on official and private visit.

Nawabzada Muhammad Akber Magsi



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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

Functional Committee on Government Assurances
Water and Power
Ports and Shipping
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

Sirdar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa



Name	Sirdar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa
Tenure	March 2012 to March 2018
Province	Punjab
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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

Functional Committee on Government Assurances
Petroleum and Natural Resources
Inter-Provincial Coordination
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

Nisar Muhammad



Name	Nisar Muhammad
Tenure	March 2012 to March 2018
Province	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
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Seat Description	General
Designation	Senator
Oath Taking Date	12-03-2012

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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POLITICAL CAREER COMMITTEE (S)

Communications
Water and Power
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas
Planning Development and Reform

Maulana Tanveer-ul-Haq Thanvi



Name	Maulana Tanveer-ul-Haq Thanvi
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POLITICAL CAREER

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COMMITTEE (S)

Science and Technology
Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas

ACADEMIC CAREER

Qualification

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Shahadatul Aalmia(Wifaq Ul Madaris)

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Hassan G. Eshrat



Hassan G. Eshrat

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Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas
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Experience:

Mr. Hassan G. Eshrat joined Senate Secretariat in 1994. He is presently serving as Director (Staff), with the Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed, Senate of Pakistan. He possesses vast experience of working with Chairman Standing/ Functional Committees including Standing Committee on Defence, Defence Production and Aviation, Standing Committee on Information & Broadcasting and Standing Committee on Planning and Development Committee.

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Meetings of Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas (Pictorial Views)



SENATOR WALI MUHAMMAD BADINI, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, AFTER BEING ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON JUNE 08, 2012.



SENATOR MIR WALI MUHAMMAD BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON JULY 05, 2012.



SENATOR MIR WALI MUHAMMAD BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, AFTER ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON APRIL 16, 2013.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON JUNE 03, 2013.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON JULY 19, 2013.



SENATOR AHMED HASSAN, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON JULY 23, 2013.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2013.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, AFTER ELECTED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON OCTOBER 28, 2013.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON JANUARY 27, 2014.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON MARCH 03, 2014.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON MARCH 18, 2014.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON MAY 08, 2014.



SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YUSAF BADINI, CHAIRMAN SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS, PRESIDING OVER A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE FUNCTIONAL SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 8th JUNE, 2012

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was on 8th June, 2012 at 02:10 P.M in the Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad to elect its chairperson as contemplated by Rule 184(1) of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. The following attended the meeting.

i)	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
ii)	Senator Khalida Parveen	Member
iii)	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
iv)	Senator Malik Sallah-ud-Din Dogar	Member
v)	Senator Rubina Irfan	Member
vi)	Senator Wali Muhammad Badini	Member
vii)	Senator Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
viii)	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
ix)	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member

2. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Secretary Senate Mr. Iftikhar Ullah Babar.

3. At the outset, Secretary Senate welcomed the members of the Committee. The Secretary Senate then requested the members of the Committee to elect the Chairperson as contemplated by Rule 175(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

4. Senate Malik Sallah-ud-Din Dogar named Senator Wali Muhammad Badini for the Chairperson of the Committee, seconded by all other members. Senator Wali Muhammad Badini was, thus elected unopposed Chairman of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas.

5. Senator Sabir Ali Baloch, Deputy Chairman Senate, congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini on his behalf as well as his party's. he stated that Senator Wali Muhammad Badini is a seasoned politician and a hardworking Senator. He further stated that the Committee exercises jurisdiction all over the country to monitor the less developed areas and promote a balanced development in different areas of Pakistan. Senator Malik Sallah-ud-Din Dogar congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini and highlighted his work. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini. He stated that Senator Wali Muhammad Badini is very experienced politician and the Committee will benefit from his experience. Senator Rubina Irfan extended felicitations to Senator Wali Muhammad Badini, Senator Rubina Irfan was of the view that sincere efforts would be needed to overcome problems of less

developed areas, and that the Committee will work sincerely for the betterment of the nation and the newly elected Chairman, she said the Committee will bring the positive change while highlighting problems of deprived areas. Senator Ahmed Hassan congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini. He stated that Senator Wali Muhammad Badini belongs to Balochistan and he is well aware of the problems in less developed areas. He assured the Committee of his full support in all matters pertaining to its mandate. Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini on his behalf and on the behalf of Senator Mir Israrullah Zehri. Senator Khalida Parveen congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini. She stated that she belongs to District Muzaffargarh, which is one of the less developed districts, and she is well aware of the problems of less developed areas in Pakistan. She assured the Committee that she will support the Committee for the betterment of these areas. Senator Kalsoom parveen congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini. Senator Islamuddin Shaikh, Chief Whip congratulated Senator Wali Muhammad Badini on his behalf and on behalf of his party and coalition partners. He stated that the working for the betterment of the deprived people earns Allah Almighty's blessings; hence it should be done proactively. He further stated that the experience of Senator Wali Muhammad Badini will be beneficial to resolve the problems of less developed areas. He assured the Committee that the Government will support it on all its positive proposals.

6. Senator Wali Muhammad Badini presented a vote of thanks to all the members of the Committee. He stated that his previous experience with the Committee will come handy in resolving the problems of less developed areas. He assumed the Committee that he will take up all issues in this regard and work for the resolution with the support of the members.

7. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Hammad Khan Marri)
Secretary Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 5TH JULY, 2012 IN THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD

The meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held under the Chairmanship of Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini on 5th July, 2012 at Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. The following Members of the Committee also attended the meeting.

i)	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
ii)	Senator Khalida Parveen	Member
iii)	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
iv)	Senator Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
v)	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
vi)	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- (i) **Identification of less developed areas of all over the country (province-wise).**
- (ii) **Detailed briefing on the allocation of funds and strategy (province-wise) in the PSDP 2012-13 for the uplift of the less developed areas of the country in the following sectors:**
 - a) **Communication.**
 - b) **WAPDA.**
 - c) **SNGPL & SSGPL**
 - d) **Education**
 - e) **Health.**
 - f) **Information Technology, including installation of towers of mobile phones companies in the less developed area.**
- (iii) **Any other item with permission of the Chair.**

4. A list of officers of all concerned departments, who attended the meeting, is annexed.

5. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini, Chairmen welcomed all the participants. All the members of the Committee pointed out that Secretaries of the most Ministries / Divisions and other Heads of Departments have not attended the meeting. They, therefore, advised that in future the representation of the Ministry/ Division should be at the level of Federal Secretary. Similarly, they also showed their concern over late submission of working papers by all the departments. The Committee advised that in future working papers should be submitted well in time.

6. Mr. Muhammad Asif Sheikh, Advisor, Planning Division informed that according to survey conducted by a private institution in 2005, the following areas of the country were declared as less developed areas.

LESS DEVELOPED DISTRICTS IN PAKISTAN						
ON BASIS OF DEPRIVATION (LESS & MOST DEPRIVED)						
PUNJAB	SINDH	KPK	BALUCHISTAN			SPECIAL AREAS
Layyah	Umerkot	Tank	Kalat	Jhal Magsi	Mustung	As whole Azad Jammu & Kashmir Gilgit Baltistan & Federally Administered Tribal Areas
	Tharparkar	Hangu	Faffarabad	Killa Abdullah	Dera Bughti	
Rajanpur	Badin	Karak	Naseerabad	Kila Saifullah	Kohlu	
	Jamshoro	Buner	Barkhan	Shob	Sibbi	
Muzafargarh	Kamber	Batagram	Chagai	Mushkhal	Ziarat	
	Dadu	Shangla	Kharan	Lasbella	Pishin	
	Jacobabad	Upper Dir	Khuzdar	Gwadar	Loralai	
Lodhran	Larkana	Chitral	Awaran	Kech		
		Kohistan	Pangur	Noshki		

7. He informed that purpose of this exercise was to improve the living standard of the people of less developed areas in different fields. The signified features of the survey were that all the Balochistan except Quetta, falls in the definition of less developed areas. He also gave details (province-wise) of schemes and allocation of funds. He informed that Federal Government gives amount in block to the provinces and provinces spend this amount according to their own priorities, therefore Federal Government has no role in the spending of amount especially after the 18th Amendment. He informed that Rs.9 billions to Punjab, 18 billions to Sindh, Rs.6 billions to KPK, Rs.25 billions to Balochistan and Rs.21 billions will be given through the PSDP 2012-13 for various schemes in the respective province.

8. After his briefing the Members of the Committee raised many questions/queries. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq recommended that the some undeveloped areas which do not presently fall in the definition of less developed areas, may also be included in the list. She inquired whether all the projects of the less developed area are completed in time. She pointed out that for the uplift of the undeveloped areas, there is need to work in the health and education sectors. She recommended that in Neelam Valley may be given special attention as it is most undeveloped area of AJK. She objected on the conducting of survey by private sector instead that of public sector.

9. Senator Ahmed Hassan recommended that Planning Commission should give full amount to the provinces as per the allocation in PSDP. He proposed that survey should be conducted keeping in view all the ground realities rather than sitting in offices and by the NGOs. He also urged for the construction of Malakand Tunnel as the people of the areas remain stuck due to inclement weather for about 6 months in a year. He informed that due to low female teaching staff in schools and hospitals, people are facing too many difficulties.

10. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan pointed out that very little amount has been kept for the province of KPK. He stated that Malakand Division is below the poverty line, but no reasonable amount is being provided for uplift of the Division. He informed that due to flood a heavy loss of lives, was occurred in Malakand Division, besides, the schools, hospitals and road network was damaged badly, but only 0.4% share is being provided against the total loss of 35%, which should be increased reasonably.

11. Senator Khalida Parveen also pointed out that survey should be conducted by some government organizations rather than NGOs. She pointed out that during the flood 2010, the Kot Adu and Muzsaffargarh were the worst affected districts in Punjab, as most houses were damaged in the area and similarly almost all the schools, hospitals and roads were also destroyed, therefore, there is an urgent need to rebuild these facilities as soon as possible. She recommended that small houses may be constructed for the needy people urgently in the flood affected areas.

12. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar inquired as to whether for identification of schemes in PSDP, elected representatives of the area are taken into confidence. He pointed out that there is worst condition of clean drinking water in the most areas of the Balochistan and similarly, there is not good condition of health, education, electricity and road network in the area. He, therefore, recommended that schemes about these sectors should be included in the PSDP.

13. Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind pointed out that people of Gwadar are facing problems due to acute shortage of clean drinking water and people are being fleeced by water tanker mafia. He requested that government should take immediate action in this regard to start new water supply schemes for the area on priority basis.

14. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini, Chairman Standing Committee strongly lamenting on the survey conducted by a NGO, stated that this should be done by government departments, as it is very important issue. He indicated about the miserable condition of Gas in District Nushki, as it is being supplied only for 15 days, resultantly people of the area are facing great difficulties. He recommended that list of undeveloped areas may be prepared with the consultations of the elected representatives of the respective area. He advised that Government should give the amount to the provinces in the name of less developed area rather than in lump sum.

15. Giving reply to queries and observations of the members of the Committee, Mr. Muhammad Asif Sheikh stated that after the 18th Amendment centre can not interfere in the development projects/proposals of the provinces. He informed that as present the amount is given to provinces on lump sum basis, not for any particular district/region. He further informed that at the time of identification & approval of schemes in ECNEC and CDWP, the representative of the provinces also remain present in the meetings. He also indicated that sufficient amount has been kept for the technical education and for the projects of community schools. He informed that Planning Commission is monitoring the progress of work on these schemes through a monitoring cell.

16. Members raised many objections on the performance of the SNGPL/ SSGC. Senator Khalida Parveen pointed out that in District Muzaffargarh some low paid officials are serving in SNGPL since last 10 to 20 years on ad-hoc/contract basis but their services are not being regularized, and instead that new appointments are being made on these posts. The Committee advised that priority may be given in appointments to already serving employees.

17. Senator Ahmed Hassan pointed out that installation of Gas pipeline is not being carried out in the district headquarters of Tamergarh and lines are being laid in other areas which can create law and order situation in the area. The Committee advised that Gas lines may also be laid down with the consultation of Senator Ahmed Hassan.

18. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan advised for the eradication of corruption in the CNG sector in Malakand Division. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini pointed out that some villages of district Nushki are not being provided gas line, which is clear cut discrimination. The Committee advised that gas line in the village of district Nushki may be laid down with the consultation of Chairman Functional Committee. The representative of SSGC assured for compliance.

19. Senator Rozi Khan enquired about the village electrification in the province of Balochistan. The WAPDA officials informed that the village electrification is presently carried out through the funding of parliamentarians. Mr. Hamid Ali Khan, Additional Secretary also gave detail about the progress of work on various projects in Balochistan including Dalbadin, Chaghi and Gwadar Grid Stations. He also informed that funds have been released for different 132 KV stations. On a query by Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini, he informed that work on 132 KV Grid Station at Mull will be completed very soon. Senator Ahmed Hassan and Nisar Muhammad Khan enquired about Chakdara Grid Station and Jabban Dargai Power Station as the contract of Jabban-Dargai Power Station have been given to unprofessional contractor. In reply, the WAPDA officials informed that Rs.530 million have been approved for Chaghi Grid Station and work on which will be started very soon. On another query by him the WAPDA officials informed that work on 132 KV Grid Station at Mathorzai Pasanaza Killa Saifullah is under progress. As regards, affairs of Jabban – Dargai Power House, the Functional Committee constituted a Sub-Committee comprising Senator Nisar Muhammad as Convener and Senator Ahmed Hassan as member, which will give its report within 2 months about the work position. GM (Hydel Development) WAPDA will assist the Committee.

20. GM, Ministry of Information Technology informed that there are two types of release for IT, one through PSDP and the other through Universal Service Funding (USF). He informed that due to low production of electricity in the country, Ministry is Planning to erect towers through solar power at the following parts of the Balochistan.

- 1) Jhall Magsi,
- 2) Pashin,
- 3) Qilla Abdullah,
- 4) Chamman
- 5) Bollan and Mastong

21. He informed that with an amount of Rs.22 billion, the work of erection of Tower is in progress in various parts of the country.
22. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini, Chairman Functional Committee pointed out that there are some areas having population over 5000 peoples in District Nushki and Mull area (Balochistan) but no work of erection Tower has been started so far. Syed Asif Kamal, GM(Projects), Ministry of IT assured that he will contact Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini in this regard for the identification and starting of work in these areas. Senator Rozi Khan also pointed out that some areas of Muslim Bagh and Killa Saifullah are also being ignored. The officials of IT Ministry assured for starting work in these areas too.
23. Senator Ahmad Hassan pointed out after the privatization of PTCL, the extension work has been stopped specially in the Malakand Division and the quality of service is also not good. He also informed that no communication facility is available in the mostly area of Khoistan, therefore identification of schemes may be made after in consultation with the elected representatives of the area. The officials of Ministry of IT assured that in future the elected representation of the concern areas will be taken into confidence for the extension work.
24. Mr. Sabir Hasan, Member Planning, NHA informed that as a matter of policy instead of starting of new projects, work will be completed on the on-going projects. He gave detail of overall amount allocated for the province for the projects in the provinces. He also informed about the various projects including Hussab-Gawardar road, Makran Costal Highway, Qilla Saifullah, Zhob road and Mastong-Chamman project. He however informed that allocation in the PSDP is not being made as per requirement of NHA, resultantly the projects are not being completed in time. He informed the Committee that due to law and order situation in some parts of the Balochistan province, contractors are reluctant to work in these projects of the troubled area.
25. The Members of the Committee advised that the work on Rato Dero – Gwadar road may be completed on priority basis, as it is the back bone for the fully operational of Gwadar Port and development of Balochistan and similarly the work on all other projects may also be completed within the giving time to reduce the difficulties of the people of the area of the projects.
26. On a query by Senator Ahmed Hassan, Member Planning informed that work on Hasanabdal – Havalian - Mansehra Project will be started before the December, 2012 and work on Northern Bypass Peshawar will be completed during this fiscal year. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq inquired about the source of funding for repair and maintenance. Mr. Sabir Hasan, Member NHA informed that mostly the work of repairs maintenance is done by the amount collected through tool plazas.
27. The members advised that although the standard of roads of NHA is better than provincial roads, yet it should be improved further. The Committee also advised that to increase the income of the NHA tool Plazas should be auctioned.
28. After detailed deliberations, the Committee made following recommendations:

- i) There is a need to conduct new survey for the preparation of up-to-date list of less developed areas through Government Organizations and after due consultations with the elected representatives of the concerned area.
 - ii) Separate allocation of funds may be made in the PSDP for various schemes in the Less Developed Areas by name and more funds may be allocated for the uplift of the less developed areas.
 - iii) The representatives of the concerned provincial governments may also be advised to attend the future meetings, which will be held in the provinces for the physical checking of the schemes.
 - iv) Clean drinking water schemes may be started in Gwadar on priority basis to reduce the difficulties of the people of Gwadar.
 - v) Sufficient funds may be reserved for Malakand Division, as it is the most undeveloped area of KPK and severely hit by flood in 2010-11 and also due to militants' activities.
 - vi) Funds may be released on priority basis for the WAPDA and Gas projects started in the Less Developed Areas.
 - vii) Planning Commission should ensure timely completion of all the schemes to avoid escalation charges.
 - viii) Steps on war footing basis may be initiated for the uplift of the undeveloped areas.
29. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair

(GHULAM MURTAZA)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR WALI MUHAMMAD BADINI)
Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 17 OCTOBER, 2012 IN THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD

The meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held under the Chairmanship of Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini on 17th October, 2012 at Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. The following Members of the Committee also attended the meeting.

i)	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
ii)	Senator Khalida Parveen	Member
iii)	Senator Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
iv)	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- (i) **Plan of action for the repair / maintenance of road network damaged due to recent flood in the country especially in Balochistan.**
- (ii) **Briefing by the Planning Commission and other concerned agencies on the present status of Cadet College, Noshki.**
- (iii) **Briefing by the NDMA on the reconstruction / rehabilitation work in the flood affected areas of the country.**
- (iv) **Any other item with permission of the Chair.**

4. A list of officers of all concerned departments, who attended the meeting, is annexed.

5. The meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. At the outset Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini, Chairman Functional Committee and all other members of the Committee showed their concern over the non attending the meeting by the Chairman NDMA and by the Ministry of Information & Technology. The Committee therefore, decided that in future in case of non representation in the meeting at appropriate level, the matter will be referred to the Prime Minister and House for the determination of further line of action. The Committee also advised for conveying its displeasure to all concerned in this regard.

6. After that Chairman Functional Committee advised CEO, USF for briefing Mr. Riaz Ashraf Siddiqui, Chief Executive Officer, USF informed the Committee about the progress of work started in the various parts of the province of Balochistan, especially that of Mastung development project. He informed that USF has started work in unserved areas of the country. He however, informed that in some areas the work could not be started / finished due to security problems. On a point raised by Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee, he informed that there are no financial problems in the execution of work.

7. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee however, objected on the progress of work as provided by the USF in the briefing. He stated that in some

areas the work was started about 2 years ago, but the progress of work is still very slow. He advised that in case of security problems the Committee and as well as local administration can be approached for taking their support, besides in case of any hardship the local elected representatives may also be taken on board. The Committee advised that full detail of work in each area in the province of Balochistan may be submitted to the Committee as soon as possible. The Chief Executive Officer, USF assured that the exact progress of work will be communicated to the Committee very soon.

8. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan enquired about the detail of work in Malakand, Lower Dir, Upper Dir and Changla. Similarly Senator Ahmed Hassan also enquired about the progress of work in these areas. He advised that the work may be completed, as there are no security problems in the said areas. Chief Executive Officer informed that except 16 Tehsils all the parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhawa have already been covered however, in some parts due to insurgency and military operations, M/S Telenor (the contractor for the said project) stopped the development work. He informed that the remaining work is being given to a new party, as M/S Telenor is not fulfilling the requirements of the agreement. . Both the Senators assured for full cooperation in case of any security problem. Chief Executive Officer assured that there will be visible progress of work within 2 or 3 weeks.

9. Senator Khalida Perveen advised that all work should be completed within the prescribed time frame. She further advised that the local elected representatives should be taken on board to avoid unexpected problems in future.

10. **After detailed deliberations the Committee recommended that:**

- i) Complete detail of work in each area may be communicated to the Committee for the information of the members of the Committee.
- ii) Local elected representatives may be taken on board to avoid hardships in the completion of work.
- iii) Preference may be given to the local contractors for awarding the construction work.
- iv) No work should be remain in hanging position, and in case of any problem, the matter should be brought into the notice of the Committee.
- v) Work may be completed immediately in the areas, where there are no security problems.

11. On the issue of construction of Cadet College at Noshki, Additional Secretary Planning Division informed that PC-I of the Cadet College was approved in 2006, and construction work was started in 2007, however after the devolution it is now responsibility of the province to construct the college. He informed that provincial government of Balochistan has indicated that the proposal of this college has been included in ADP, and about 75% work has been completed so far, however, the classes could not be started due to some incomplete finishing work. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini, Chairman Functional Committee advised that Planning Division and Provincial Government may take necessary action for the fully functioning of the Cadet College on top priority basis.

12. Mrs. Anjum Assad Amin, NDMA informed that no funds are provided to the NDMA for reconstruction work. She however, gave detail of losses occurred due to recent heavy rain and flood. She informed that about 455 peoples were died in the flood in all over the country, out of

which 65 people were from the province of Balochistan. She further informed that about 5 million peoples were affected badly and most affected districts of province of Balochistan are Jafarabad, Nasirabad, Jhal Magsi, as about 85% crops and complete road network has been destroyed in these districts. She also gave detail of tents and food bags provided to the affectees.

13. However, all the Committee members pointed out that sufficient aid is not being given to the affectee as number of flood victims are too much, but aid is being given to them too much short. Senator Ahmed Hassan pointed out that there are also reports of male practices in the distribution system and to that of substandard food items being supplied to the affectees. He inquired about the role of PDMA in the rehabilitation work in Malakand Division. Senator Khalida Perveen recommended that all concerned departments should perform their duties on humanitarian grounds. She advised that detail of full loans and aid given to NDMA / PDMA may be provided for the information of the Committee. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan inquired about the planning of NDMA / PDMA to meet the future challenges.

14. Mrs. Anjum Assad Amin, (Member) NDMA Informed the Committee that Prime Minister of Pakistan has announced Rs. 3 billions as aid for the assistance of the flood affectees in the province of Balochistan. The Committee advised that necessary assistance may be provided to the affectees in Balochistan as soon as possible, with fully transparent manners besides there should be no compromise in quality on the goods being supplied to them.

15. The agenda items pertaining to NHA were deferred due to late arrival of the Chairman National Highway Authority in the meeting.

16. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(GHULAM MURTAZA)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR WALI MUHAMMAD BADINI)
Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- **MINUTES OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 20TH NOVEMBER, 2012 IN THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE ISLAMABAD.**

A meeting of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held under the Chairmanship of Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini on 20th November, 2012 at Parliament House Islamabad.

2. The following Members of the Committee also attended the meeting.

- (i) Detailed briefing on the segment of Mustung Development Project being executed by USF in pursuance of the decision of the Committee in the meeting of the Functional Committee held on 17th October, 2012.
- (ii) Detailed briefing by DG, PDMA, Quetta regarding the Rehabilitation work for the flood affected areas of Balochistan particularly in Jhal Magsi, Rojhan Jamil, Naseerabad and Jafarabad severely affected by recent floods.
- (iii) Briefing by QESCO, NHA and WAPDA on the various development schemes in Balochistan.
- (iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. The following Members of the Committee also attended the meeting.

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| (i) | Senator Ahmed Hassan | Member |
| (ii) | Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen | Member |
| (iii) | Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind | Member |
| (iv) | Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan | Member |
| (v) | Senator Nuzhat Sadiq | Member |

4. A list of officers of all concerned departments, who attended the meeting, is annexed.

5. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. After welcoming remarks by the Chairmen Functional Committee, all the Committee members expressed their deep concern on the non-presence of Secretary Information & Technology. The Committee advised to convey the concerns of the Committee in this regard.

6. After that Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee advised the official of USF for briefing on the Mustung Development project. GM (USF) informed that Mustung Development Project is consisting on 3 districts namely Mustung, Noshki and Ziarat, and development work in these areas has been assigned to M/S PTCL He informed the Committee that USF operates in the wireless and the mobile sectors in unserved areas of the country. He gave the detail of work in different Mauzas of these districts. The Chairman Functional Committee however, pointed out that the information is not correct, as all the work is

only on papers and not in practical shape, because there is no progress of work at all on ground. He therefore, advised to give a final date of completion of work in these areas. On the observations of the Chairman Functional Committee the members decided to personally visit the site of this project as soon as possible.

7. Mr. Aslam Shakir Baloch Additional Chief Secretary Balochistan also informed the Committee that it is an ill project, as there is no progress of work on ground. He proposed that provincial Government may also be taken on board in the execution of work.

8. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan suggested to give a detailed briefing about the sources and utilization of funds of the USF in unserved areas of the country.

9. Mr. Tahir Minir Minhaj Director General (PDMA) Balochistan informed that due to unexpected heavy rains, 14 districts were affected however, 4 districts namely Jafarabad, Naseerabad, Jhal Magsi and Qilla Saifullah were badly affected, therefore these districts were declared calamity hit areas. Giving the detail of losses of flood, he informed that about 8 lacs people were affected, about 173000 houses were destroyed, about crops at 6 lacs acres were badly damaged and the number of deaths were about 156. Giving the detail of rehabilitation and other supporting work for the affectees, he informed that about 9410 metric tons food were provided, 30000 tents were given to shelterless people besides 1300000 food packets were supplied through utility stores. He informed that through Federal Government, Provincial Government and World Food Program PDMA has tried its best to provided possible assistance to the affectees.

10. After his briefing Senator Mir Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee inquired about the steps taken for the drainage of water from these areas. Mr. Aslam Shakir Baloch ACS Balochistan informed the Committee that in the rainy season the water from Sindh Province and some other parts of the province of Balochistan also flows to these areas, therefore, there is need of a national consensus by taking into confidence all the stakeholders for the solution, because some influential peoples do not allow the drainage and flow of water from their areas.

11. Syed Raghob Akbar Shah Chairman WAPDA also informed that it is an inter-provincial issue therefore, Federal Government and the Provincial Governments of Sindh and Balochistan should sit together, for the permanent solution of this problem. He however, informed that WAPDA is planning some schemes in consultation with irrigation Departments of both provinces for sending water to its final destination (sea). ACS Balochistan informed that the Provincial Government has made a PC-1 for the permanent solution of this problem therefore, Ministry of Water and Power and Finance Division may be advised to provide necessary fund for the completion of this project.

12. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee advised to reduce the problems of the people by the construction of schemes as early as possible. The Committee advised that the matter may be placed before the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC), as the matter relates two provinces.

13. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan inquired about the detail of funding of NDMA. Mr. Zafar Qadir Chairman NDMA informed that NDMA is a Federal Department, which came into being in 2005. He informed that every province has its own PDMA and there is also proposal to establish disastrous management authority at district level. He further informed that NDMA

had given the proposal that Federal Government and every province should keep necessary amount in the annual budget for NDMA and for all PDMA's however, only KPK and Balochistan have kept amount for PDMA's in their respective province. He however, informed that Prime Minister has announced package for the affected areas, and the amount of which will be spent on rehabilitation of the affectees. He requested the Committee that like KPK and Balochistan the Federal government, Sindh Government and Punjab Government may also be advised to keep sufficient amount in the annual budget grants.

14. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee advised that the amount of Prime Minister Package may be spent immediately for the provision of relief to the people in time. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan and Senator Ahmad Hassan also pointed out that amount is not given to the people in time, due to which they face many problems. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq inquired about the foreign donations received for the earthquake of 2005. Senator Khalida Parveen inquired about the provision of shelter to 124000 people, whose homes were damaged in the flood. Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind pointed out that no assistance has been provided in the district Turbat, although a loss of about Rs. 4 billion was occurred in that area. Informed the Committee that even FWO is also asking for security arrangements, for its various projects in the province.

15. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan recommended that work on Malakand Tunnel may be completed at the earliest. Similarly Senator Ahmad Hassan indicated that due to non-completion of work on Chak Darrah Bridge people are facing too much problems. The Chairman NHA assured that project will be completed in December 2014 however, some measures will be taken for alternate ways to provide relief to the people.

16. Senator Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Chairman Functional Committee stated the security problems of NHA projects have been discussed in various meetings of the Standing Committee and necessary directions have also been given to all concerned. He proposed that FWO which is working under Pakistan Army should complete the projects as cost of tenders are being given to FWO on their own rates.

17. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair

(GHLAM MURTAZA)
Secretary Committee

(SENATOR MIR WAL MUHAMMAD BADINI)
Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 03-06-2013 AT 10:30 A.M. IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.**

A meeting of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 03-06-2013 at 10:3 am in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad chaired by Honorable Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-
 - i. Senator Ahmed Hassan Member
 - ii. Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen Member
 - iii. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar Member
 - iv. Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan Member
 - v. Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind Member
 - vi. Senator Nawabzada Muhammad Akbar Magsi Member
 - vii. Senator Nisar Muhammad Member
 - viii. Senator Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq Member
 - ix. Mr.Asadullah Khan Mandokhel Ex-Officio Member

3. The agenda before the committee was as under:-
 - i. Province wise detailed briefing by the Chairman WAPDA on electrification in less developed areas of the country.
 - ii. Detailed briefing by Chief, QESCO on electrification of Balochistan province.
 - iii. Future plan of electrification in the less developed areas of the country.
 - iv. Detailed briefing by Chairman, NHA on maintenance of roads on the less developed areas of the country with particular reference to Balochistan province.
 - v. Future plan for maintenance of roads in the less developed areas of the country.
 - vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Senator Nisar Muhammad and other members of Committee congratulated Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini on his election as Chairman Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas and wished that under his dynamic chairmanship, the Committee will resolve all the problems being faced by the less developed areas of the country. The Honorable Chairman welcomed all the members of the Committee, Chairman NHA, representatives from Ministry of Water and Power and QESCO.

5. The Honorable Chairman as well as members of the Committee showed displeasure on the absence of the Minister / Secretary of Ministry of Water and Power. The Committee directed that Ministry of Water and power may ensure the presence of Minister / Secretary in the next Committee meetings.

6. Thereafter, Chairman Committee Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini asked the Chairman NHA to brief the Committee about the agenda item. Mr. Hamid Ali Khan, Chairman National Highway Authority (NHA) gave a detailed audio visual briefing about the road network in Balochistan.

7. Chairman NHA informed the Committee that Rs 6.0 billion was released under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2012-13 out of total allocation of Rs 10 billion for Balochistan. He also informed the committee that construction work on Kalcocha-Quetta was incomplete due to security concerns and only 4 kms road construction was left. He further informed the Committee that when they mobilize the contractors, the contractors received threatening letters. Chairman NHA apprised the Committee that USAID, being the financier of this road decided that construction work of this portion of road will be awarded to Frontier Works Organization (FWO). He informed the Committee that Frontier Works Organization (FWO) arrange its own security arrangements. He further informed the Committee FWO also demanded security for its goods transportation from Karachi to the project site because their 16 trucks full of goods were looted on way to the project.

8. On this occasion Senator Robina Irfan apprised the Committee that there are roads in Balochistan, where the one-hour journey was covered in four hours due to bad condition of the roads but the NHA failed to complete such small portion of roads in time. Several road projects were started 10 years ago but still not completed.

9. Chairman Committee and Members Committee expressed their grave reservations over misappropriation of developmental funds of Balochistan lavishly spent in Multan and Sindh by the former government and asked the Chairman NHA to produce detail of the same in the next Committee meeting. They also directed the NHA to stop this sort of practice in future. Chairman NHA assured the Committee hat they will not link projects with each other.

10. Senator Nisar Muhammad and other members Committee were of the view that Poor law & order situation has caused serious setback to ongoing highway projects impacting implementation schedule and cost as well.

11. Chairman Committee emphasized that security arrangements should be kept in every project especially for local contractors of Balochistan is the responsibility of provincial government, so that their projects may be completed in time.

12. Chairman Committee, Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini also apprised the Committee that work on N-85 was initiated on 2003 but so far it has not been completed. He inquired about the delay / stoppage of work at N-85 and asked the NHA to provide complete list of contractors in the next committee meeting.

13. Chairman NHA informed the Committee that works on N-85 was stopped due to differences over payment of toll plaza collections and payment to Frontier Works Organization (FWO).

14. The NHA chairman also informed the committee that the government has promised to release Rs 16 billion for Gwadar linkages roads in PSDP 2013-14 and as soon as NHA receive this amount, the work will be started.

15. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar asked the Caretaker Minister for Communications regarding delay in promotion of Balochistan's officials in National Highway Authority (NHA). Mr. Asadullah Khan Mandokhel, Caretaker Minister for Communication told the committee that Secretary of the Ministry is creating hurdles in promotion of Balochistan's officials in National Highway Authority (NHA). He further said that promotion is the basic right of an official and he will he will write a letter to the standing committee and other high-ups in this regard. He also informed the Committee that he also got created about 650 vacancies in Motorway Police of Balochistan to decrease the deprivation among the people of the province, but bureaucracy did not let the case to proceed further.

16. He also informed the Committee that 15833 villages of Balochistan were electrified out of 17123 villages and remaining 1290 would be electrified soon. On this occasion Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan apprised the Committee that 17123 villages were identified by the MPAs / MNAs in their constituencies and development works carried out by MPAs/ MNAs from their development funds. She asked the PEPCO / QESCO to give detail of electrification work carried out by them in Balochistan Province in the next Committee meeting. Discussion on Kuwait fund was also underlined during Committee meeting and Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan asked the PEPCO / QESCO to produce details of Kuwait funds in the next Committee meeting.

17. The following recommendations were made by the Committee unanimously:-

- i. The Committee shows displeasure about the absence of the Secretary Ministry of Water and Power and decides that Secretary Ministry of Water and Power be directed to ensure his presence in the next Committee meeting.
- ii. The Chairman national Highway Authority (NHA) may produce detail list of contracts awarded to Frontier Works organization (FWO) and to other contractors in Balochistan Province in the next Committee meeting.
- iii. The Chairman, NHA may ensure to stop the re-appropriation of developmental funds of Balochistan and produce details of re-appropriation of Balochistan funds during the tenure of the former Government in the next Committee meeting and may also ensure not to link any project of Balochistan Province with the projects of any other province in future.
- iv. QESCO may provide detailed list of electrification work being carried out by its own funds in Balochistan.
- v. Ministry of Water and Power may give province wise detailed list of Less Developed Areas of the country and the criteria on behalf of which they declared Less Developed Areas of the country.
- vi. Ministry of Water and Power may give details of Kuwait funds in the next Committee meeting.

18. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the chair.

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman Committee

(Muhammad Hassan Khan)
A.S/Secretary Committees

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 19-07-2013 AT 10:30 A.M. IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.4, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.**

A meeting of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 19-07-2013 at 10:30 am in Committee Room No.01, Parliament House, Islamabad chaired by Honorable Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-
 - i. Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen Member
 - ii. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar Member
 - iii. Senator Nisar Muhammad Member
 - iv. Senator Ahmed Hassan Member

3. The remaining agenda items (i-viii) of the last meeting of Problems of Less Developed Areas held on 19th July, 2013 was also included in the said meeting.

4. Agenda items before the committee was as under:-
 - i. Detailed briefing on total budgetary allocation / funds of Universal Services Fund (USF).
 - ii. Province-wise briefing on previous 5 years progress of work in Less Developed Areas of Pakistan.
 - iii. Future Plan of USF in KPK and Balochistan
 - iv. Criteria adopted by USF for declaring less developed areas in Pakistan
 - v. Total PTCL outstanding amount payable to Govt. of Pakistan
 - vi. Yearly GST submitted by PTCL since its privatization
 - vii. Detail of rate charged by PTCL from its customers
 - viii. Detailed briefing by PTCL on work carried out by them in less developed areas of Pakistan
 - ix. A briefing may be given to the effect that which areas of KPK are included in the less developed areas.
 - x. Detail of the projects undertaken and implemented and prioritized by the different departments in these areas.
 - xi. Detail may also be given about the 132 KV Grid Station to be converted into 220KV at Chakdara in Malakand Division.
 - xii. Details may also be given about the delay in starting the work of alternate feeder approved by the Saddu Grid Station in Dashkhel Union Council, District Lower Dir.
 - xiii. Complete information may be given about the installation of 20/26KV Power Transmission in Chakdara Grid Station.

- xiv. Details may also be given about the steps taken so far for the establishment of Grid Station in Maidan and Jandol Sub-Division, District Lower Dir.
- xv. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

5. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Chairman Committee welcomed Members Committee, representatives of Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Ministry of Water and Power, Ministry of Planning and Development Division, representatives of PTCL,USF and NTDC.

6. Thereafter, Chairman Committee invited Secretary, Ministry of Water & Power to brief the Committee about agenda items. Secretary Ministry of Water and Power gave a detailed audio video briefing.

7. Giving briefing on agenda Item No.(ii),Mr. Imran-ud-Din, Additional Director WAPDA informed the Committee that Less Developed Areas lag behind the national, provincial and rural indicators in terms of the following socio-economic parameters:-

- Income
- Remoteness
- Inadequate Resources
- Capacity Constraints

8. He further informed the Committee about non-developed areas of the country and briefed the Committee about province-wise progress work done in these Less Developed Areas from the last five years. He also informed the Committee about WAPDA projects completed during 2008-2013. He also gave briefing about projects under implementation and informed the Committee that Less Developed areas exists in FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and some areas of Balochistan, Punjab, Gilgit, Sindh and AJK.

9. He also informed the Committee that during 2008-2013, WAPDA completed various Dams projects in Balochistan, Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He further informed the Committee about under implementation projects and projects ready for implementation. He also briefed about projects under study / planning and province wise PSDP allocation for 2013-14 for water sector projects.

10. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about Civil Work position of Allai Khwar project.

11. Representative of WAPDA informed the Committee that Allai Khwar project is 97% completed and on test run position.

12. Senator Nisar Muhammad was of the view that from the last three months Allai Khwar has been on test run and directed WAPDA to produce a comprehensive report on Allai Khwar and Jabban Hydropower project in the next Committee meeting.

13. Senator Nisar Muhammad also inquired about allocations for Power Generation Projects under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2013-2014.

14. Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power informed the Committee that the total funds available for Hydel Power Generation Schemes are Rs 82.6 billion in which Rs 30 billion was allocated under federal PSDP 2013-14 while rest of the money will be generated by WAPDA through its own resources.

15. Chairman Committee and Senator Nisar Muhammad expressed dissatisfaction over Rs 82.6 billion allocations for power generation projects under Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) 2013-14 and suggested that it should be enhanced much more.

16. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about funding and completion time of Terbella 4th Ext. Swabi project and its capacity of hydropower generation.

17. Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power informed the Committee that it is 90% World Bank and 10% GOP funded project. He further informed the Committee that Bidding documents for civil works submitted and opened on June, 04, 2013, evaluation under process and its expected completion time of this project is December, 2017. He apprised the Committee that Terbella 4th Ext. Swabi has a capacity to generate hydropower of 1450 MWs.

18. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about Diamer Basha Dam work status.

19. Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power informed the committee that the Rs 25 billion allocation is available for Diamer Bhasha Dam and Rs 7.0 billion has been paid to local community in land acquisition for Diamer Bhasha Dam. He further informed the Committee that Chilas Town came under dam construction and negotiations in this regard are in progress with local community in Chilas. However, he said the government offers attractive compensation for land acquisition that is why the issue will be resolved soon.

20. On this occasion Senator Rozi Khan Kakar inquired about status of work at Kanmehtarzai Grid Station, District Qilla Saifullah and Barshore Grid Station, District Pashin. He was of the view that the work at both Grid Station has been pending from the last two years.

21. QESCO representative replied that work at both Grid Station is pending due to non-availability of funds and as soon as they receive the funds, the work will be started at both Grid Stations.

22. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar also apprised the Committee that there has been electricity failure from the last three days in 17 districts of Balochistan and requested the Chairman Committee to issue directives in this regard. On this occasion Senator Hilalur Rehman requested the committee for separate power supply to TESCO from PESCO as the latter could not provide power share of the former. He claimed that in FATA Mohmand Agency there is experiencing load shedding for about 22 hours and sometime 24 hours. He further said that TESCO power share was not given to it and was consumed by PESCO. He requested Chairman Committee that a proper schedule of load shedding be provided to Mohmand Agency.

23. PESCO representative informed the Committee that TESCO has 3.5 percent share, which is equal to 150 megawatts (MW) to 200 MW from the total 1,600 MW power received from national grid by PESCO. He said there is zero recovery from tribal area and the whole burden is borne by the government. He said the transmission line in TESCO is too old and requires upgradation.
24. Chairman Committee inquired about Mal Grid station. He was of the view that work at site has been stopped.
25. Representative of QESCO informed the Committee that work at Mal site is stopped due to non-availability of funds and as soon as they receive funds, work will be started.
26. Discussion on agenda item No.(xi) regarding 132 KV Grid Station to be converted into 220 KV at Chakdara in Malakand Division. Senator Ahmed Hassan apprised the Committee that there is very low voltage problem at whole Malakand Division and Malakand Division. He underlined the problems and difficulties being faced by the inhabitants of the area.
27. Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power informed the Committee that in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 60% Grid Stations and 40% transmission network needs rehabilitation and replacement. He underlined the Muhammadi Grid station incident and informed the Committee that only 50% rehabilitation work has been done so far. He further informed the Committee that for rehabilitation of Grid Stations and transmission network of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa funds are required 15 to 18 Arab rupees are required and if funds released the same will be completed in 3 years.
28. Senator Ahmed Hassan expressed annoyance over non-attendance of meeting by PESCO Chief.
29. Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power informed that due to his meeting with Chief Minister KPK and Minister for Water and Power, KPK, that is why Chief Executive could not attend the Committee meeting.
30. Senator Ahmed Hassan expressed his grave concern over delay of installation of Dushkhail feeders and installation of 20-26 MVA TF in Chakdara. The senator got infuriated when the official informed him that both these schemes will be completed by either September or November this year. Senator Ahmed Hassan apprised the Committee that it is astonishing that the PESCO Chief assured him that both these schemes will be completed before Eidul Fitr while the officials are giving a longer period. Senator Ahmed Hassan was of the view that this is cheating and misguidance with public representatives and vowed that he will raise this issue through an adjournment motion in Senate if these projects are not completed up till Eidul Fitr.
32. Later, on the direction of Committee, Secretary, Ministry of Water and Power called Brig(Rtd) Tariq Saddozai, Chief Executive PESCO who came and attended the Committee meeting. Chairman Committee directed Brig(Rtd) Tariq Saddozai to resolve all the issues with regards to Loadshedding and installation of Grid Stations in the Constituencies of Honorable Senator Ahmed Hassan and Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman.

33. Chief Executive PESCO assured the Committee that he will meet the Honorable Senators on Monday, 22nd July, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. and will resolve the problems relates to their respective constituencies.

34. The following recommendations were made by the Committee unanimously:-

- i. Committee directed Chief Executive PESCO to have meeting with Honorable Members Committee on Monday the 22nd July, 2013 and resolve the issues with regard to Load shedding ad installation of Grid Stations in their Constituencies.
- ii. Committee decided that remaining agenda items relates to Informational Technology and PTCL will be discussed in the next Committee meting.
- iii. Ministry of Water and Power / WAPDA representatives may produce a comprehensive report on Allai Khwar and Jabban Hydropower project in the next Committee meeting.

35. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to, and from the chair.

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman Committee

(Muhammad Hassan Khan)
A.S/Secretary Committees

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 23-07-2013 AT 10:30 A.M. IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.4, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.**

A meeting of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 23-07-2013 at 10:3 am in Committee Room No.04, Parliament House, Islamabad chaired by Honorable Senator Ahmed Hassan.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-
 - i. Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen Member
 - ii. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar Member
 - ii. Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind Member
 - iv. Senator Nisar Muhammad Member

3. The remaining agenda items (i-viii) of the last meeting of Problems of Less Developed Areas held on 19th July, 2013 was also included in the said meeting.

4. Agenda items before the committee was as under:-
 - i. Detailed briefing on total budgetary allocation / funds of Universal Services Fund (USF).

 - ii. Province-wise briefing on previous 5 years progress of work in Less Developed Areas of Pakistan.

 - iii. Future Plan of USF in KPK and Balochistan

 - iv. Criteria adopted by USF for declaring less developed areas in Pakistan

 - v. Total PTCL outstanding amount payable to Govt. of Pakistan

 - vi. Yearly GST submitted by PTCL since its privatization

 - vii. Detail of rate charged by PTCL from its customers

 - viii. Detailed briefing by PTCL on work carried out by them in less developed areas of Pakistan

 - ix. Province wise detail of amounts allocated under N.F.C. Award during 2010-2013.

- x. Detail of amounts specified / released / spent for the uplift of the Less Developed Areas of the country during 2010-2013, with Province wise break up.
- xi. Future plan for the uplift of the Less Developed Areas with allocation of budget for each plan.
- xii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

5. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Due to the demise of his uncle, Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini could not attend the meeting. In absence of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, Honorable Senator Ahmed Hassan Chaired the Meeting.

6. Thereafter, Senator Ahmed Hassan made Dua for deceased uncle of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini.

7. Senator Ahmed Hassan welcomed all the Members Committee, Secretary Information Technology and Telecommunications, Secretary Finance, Govt. of Balochistan, representatives from Provinces, U.S.F and PTA. Thereafter, Chairman Committee asked the representatives of U.S.F to brief the Committee about agenda items i-viii (remaining agenda items of last meeting held on 19-07-2013).

8. Syed Asif Kamal, CTO, Universal Services Fund (USF) gave a detailed audio video briefing. He informed the Committee that Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications in terms of Telecom, mandated USF through USF Rules to undertake projects in Un-served and Under Served areas which are defined as;

- i. “un-served area” means a lot having no coverage or provision of any telecommunication service;
- ii. “underserved area” means a lot not having adequate coverage or provision of voice and data telecommunication services as determined by the Federal Government from time to time, except in some parts o it;

9. He further informed the Committee that in Less Developed Areas, USF is undertaking projects under three different programmes; Rural Telephony & e-Services (RTeS), Broadband and Optical Fiber Cable (OFC).

10. He also gave detailed briefing about province wise distribution of funds allocated for each district of USF.

11. Chairman Committee, Senator Ahmed Hassan and other members underlined the low signals / improper service of mobile companies in their respective areas.

12. Mr. Kamran Ali Qureshi, Secretary Information Technology and Telecommunications suggested the members Committee to identify the areas where problems occurred with regard to improper service of mobile companies in their respective areas and convey their suggestions to

Ministry of I.T. and Telecommunications within one month, the same will be included in future plans of USF.

13. Senator Nisar Muhammad asked about the criteria for small population with regard to telecommunication facilities.

14. USF representative informed the Committee that according to their prescribed procedure USF has been providing telecom services to Moza's having 500 houses settlement at least.

15. Discussion on Agenda Item No.v regarding total PTCL outstanding amount payable to Government of Pakistan. Secretary Ministry of I.T. and Telecommunications informed the Committee that due to meeting with Etisalat at UAE, the representatives of PTCL could not attend the Committee meeting. Chairman and Committee members expressed their annoyance over non-attendance of meeting by any officer of PTCL and deferred the agenda items v-viii (19-07-2013 meeting) in the next Committee meeting for which a separate Notice will be issued in due course of time. Chairman Committee also directed Secretary I.T. to produce the agreement made between PTCL and Etisalat in next Committee meeting.

16. On this occasion Secretary I.T. and Telecommunications informed the Committee that Privatization Commission may also be invited for briefing about PTCL and Etisalat for outstanding amount / dues to payable to Govt. of Pakistan.

17. The Agenda items fixed for the meeting for discussion on 23rd July has been deferred for next meeting for which a separate Notice will be issued in due course of time.

18. The following recommendations were made by the committee unanimously:-

- i. Honorable Members of the Committee will identify the areas in their constituencies where problems occurred with regard to improper service of mobile companies and will convey their suggestions to Ministry of I.T. and Telecommunications within one month, for inclusion of the same in future plans of USF.
- ii. Committee directed Secretary I.T. and Telecommunications to make sure the presence of PTCL representatives in next Committee meeting(s).
- iii. Committee also directed that Privatization Commission may also be invited in the next Committee meeting to brief the Committee about agreement made between Etisalat and PTCL and outstanding dues payable to Govt. of Pakistan.
- iv. Committee decided that the agenda items fixed for the meeting for discussion on 23rd July has been deferred for next meeting for which a separate Notice will be issued in due course of time.

18. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to, and from the chair.

(Senator Ahmed Hassan)
Convener of the Committee

(Muhammad Hassan Khan)
A.S/Secretary Committees

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS HELD ON 17-09-2013 AT 10:30 A.M. IN COMMITTEE ROOM NO.1, PARLIAMENT HOUSE, ISLAMABAD.**

A meeting of the Standing Committee on Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 17-09-2013 at 10:30 am in Committee Room No.01, Parliament House, Islamabad, under the chairmanship of Honorable Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-
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| i. | Senator Ahmed Hassan | Member |
| iii. | Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen | Member |
| iii. | Senator Rozi Khan Kakar | Member |
| iv. | Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind | Member |

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- (i) Detail of share of each district in the National Revenue according to 7th Financial Award 2009-10, keeping in view the population, area and backwardness of each district. The percentage and amount given to each district may also be indicated.
- (ii) List of those districts that have been given more amount than their due share by ignoring the specified formula, from the National Revenue in the 7th Financial Award 2009-10.
- (iii) Provision of sector-wise detail from 2010 to 2013 of NFC amount has been spent in each district of Balochistan.
- (iv) Progress made by Universal Services Fund (USF) on the recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 19th July, 2013 at Islamabad.
- (v) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Chairman Committee welcomed Members Committee, representatives of Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunications, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Planning and Development Division, Planning and Development Department, Government of Balochistan, Quetta and representative of USF.

5. Thereafter, Chairman Committee invited Mr. Azmat Ali Ranjha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance to brief the Committee about agenda items. In absence of Secretary, Ministry of Finance who was busy in Supreme Court, the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance was representing the Secretary in the Committee meeting.

6. Mr. Azmat Ali Ranjha, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance informed the Committee that agenda item I,ii&iii relates to distribution of finances by Provinces to district

levels as the Federal Government (Finance Division) deals with distribution of National resources from Federation to Provinces under the NFC Award. He further informed that distribution of resources from Province to districts is an internal matter of respective provincial governments.

7. Chairman Committee asked the representative of Provincial Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Balochistan to brief the Committee about agenda items.

8. Mr. Asmat Ullah Kakar, Secretary (Implementation), Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Balochistan informed the Committee that Provincial Finance Commission follow the formula / criteria prescribed by Federal Ministry of Finance.

9. On this occasion Senator Rozi Khan Kakar inquired about the formula / criteria prescribed by Federal Ministry of Finance.

10. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance informed the Committee that according to 7th Financial award, National Finance Commission distribute share among the Provinces on the following four criteria / formulas.

1. Population resource allocation share	82%
2 Poverty / backwardness share	10.3%
3. Revenue collection / generation	5.00%
4 /IPD (Inverse Population Density)	2.70%

11. Chairman Committee emphasized that Provincial Finance Commission may follow the formula of NFC and implement the same in its letter and spirit. He further underlined that a multi-factor approach must be adopted vis-a-vis sharing of resources among the deprived districts of Balochistan.

12. Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen pointed out that it was decided in the previous Committee meeting that Ministry of Finance will provide all four province district-wise share under NFC award during 2010-13, but no detail report has been provided with regard to Sindh and Punjab.

13. Chairman Committee directed that representatives of all Provincial Finance Ministries may be invited in the next Committee meeting to brief the Committee about district-wise details of amounts allocated under NFC Award.

14. Chairman Committee inquired about Province-wise detail of 7th NFC award.

15. Additional Secretary, Ministry of Finance informed the Committee that consequent upon the 7th NFC Award (2009-10 to 2014-15), the provincial share in the divisible pool has been substantially increased from 45% to 46% in financial year 2010-11 and 57.5% from financial year 2011-12 onwards. Under the 7th NFC, share of Punjab is 51.74%, share of Sindh Province 24.55%, share of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province is 14.62% whereas share of Balochistan is 9.09%.

16. Mr. Asmat Ullah Kakar, Secretary (Implementation), Planning and Development Department, Govt. of Balochistan highlighted the district-wise breakup detail of amounts specified / released / spent for the uplift of the Development Less Developed Areas of the Balochistan.

17. Senators Rozi Khan Karkar and Ahmed Hassan were of the view that Balochistan share is very less in 7th NFC award and it should be discussed on proper forum in view of poverty. Chairman and others members of Committee were not satisfied over the distribution of share

among the districts of Balochistan and stressed bureaucracy on its equally and impartially distribution.

18. Senators Khalida Parveen and Rozi Khan Kakar underlined that actual amount are not being spent on development schemes and emphasized on transparency of funds in field and suggested that alleged corrupt provincial government officers / officials involved in embezzlement of funds may be handed over to National Accountability Bureau (NAB). Chairman Committee reciprocated the proposal of the honourable members.

19. Chairman Committee and Members committee suggested that in next Committee meeting, Provincial Planning & Development Departments and Provincial Finance Departments may be invited to brief the Committee about details of resources / funds received through National Finance Commission and its physical and financial implementation status / projects details.

20. Discussion on agenda item No. v, Syed Asif Kamal (CTO), Universal Service Fund (USF) briefed the Committee.

21. Chairman Committee inquired about the non-functional of Optical Fiber project from Taftan to Quetta.

22. Representative of USF informed the Committee that project has been completed but due to non-payment of remaining amount to Wateen which will be paid after getting approval from USF Board's meeting soon.

23. On this occasion Senator Rozi Khan Kakar pointed out non-availability of mobile telephone service facilities in some areas of Balochistan and inquired about the same.

24. Chairman Committee inquired about non-availability of mobile phone service / facility to the local inhabitants of Balochistan whereas the same has been provided to the Afghan Refugees Camps for which he gave examples of Dalbadin and Mal areas.

25. U.S.F. representative informed the Committee that they contacted the Balochistan government and sought their recommendations / suggestions and will welcome if Balochistan government / Parliamentarians identify the areas where priority should be given and USF will implement the recommendations of the Parliamentarians. He further informed the Committee that for that proposals and recommendations they are in touch with Mr. Mehmood Akram, D.G. (IT), Government of Balochistan.

25. On this occasion Senator Ahmed Hassan pointed out about non-availability of Mobile phone service / facility in his constituency i.e. Malkand Agency and asked about its early solution.

26. USF representative informed the Committee that PTCL phone facility was available in Malakand Agency but after 2010 floods PTCL is non-functional in these areas. He assured the Committee that by the end of this year or as soon as USF get the required budget the agreement

will be signed between mobile companies and service will be started. USF representative assured the Honorable Senator Ahmed Hassan that they will be in touch with him.

27. On this occasion Senator Khalida Parveen pointed out non-availability of facility of telephone / mobile phone service in some areas of Southern Punjab i.e. Layyah, Muzaffar Garh, Bahawalpur and D.G. Khan.

28. USF representative informed the Committee that facilities are provided in D.G. Khan, Southern Punjab except Border area due to security reasons. Senator Khalida Parveen inquired about USF projects executed in District Muzaffargarh, the USF representative replied that they will provide the detail of the same in the next Committee meeting. USF representative informed the Committee that in view of security / law and order position they are facing insecurity in different areas of Balochistan. They also informed the Committee that intend to have a meeting with Chief Minister Balochistan regarding USF projects. Committee suggested that Senators of Balochistan may also be invited while briefing Chief Minister Balochistan by U.S.F.

29. The following recommendations were made by the Committee unanimously:-

- i. Chairman Committee directed the Provincial Finance Commission to follow the formula of NFC and implement the same in its letter and stressed the bureaucracy on equally and impartially distribution of share / funds to the deprived districts of Balochistan.
- ii. Committee suggested that alleged corrupt provincial government officers / officials involved in embezzlement of funds may be handed over to National Accountability Bureau (NAB).
- iii. Committee suggested that all four Provincial Planning & Development Departments and Provincial Finance Departments may be invited in the next Committee meeting to brief the Committee about details of resources / funds received through National Finance Commission and its physical and financial implementation status / projects details.
- iv. It was decided that Parliamentarians will give their recommendations / suggestion to identify the areas of their respective constituencies where USF projects may be executed.
- v. Committee directed USF representative to give details of USF projects executed / to be executed in District Muzaffargarh, in next Committee meeting.

30. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to, and from the chair.

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman
Functional Committee on
Problems of Less Developed Areas

(Muhammad Hassan Khan)
A.S/Secretary Committees

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 28th October, 2013 at 02:00 P.M. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini. The following Members attended the meeting.

- i. Senator Ahmed Hassan
- ii. Senator Ch. Jaffar Iqbal
- iii. Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri
- iv. Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources,
- v. Mr. Jam Kamal Khan, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Resources,

3. A list of the participants who attended the meeting is annexed.

4. The Agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- i. Detailed briefing by SSGCL & SNGPL on their development work in less developed areas of Pakistan.
- ii. Briefing on the province-wise break up of employees of SSGCL, SNGPL and its sub-offices throughout Pakistan along with:-
 - a. Details of violations of Provincial quota, if any.
 - b. Details of the re-instatement of sacked employees during past 5 years.
- iii. Detailed briefing on served and unserved areas of Pakistan by SSGCL and SNGPL with particular reference to District Noshki, Gawadar and their adjacent areas.
- iv. Detailed briefing on future plans of SSGCL and SNGPL regarding supply of Gas to un-served/ less developed areas of Pakistan.
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

5. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, the Chairman Functional Committee and the Senators have shown displeasure for not attending the meeting by the M.D's of SSGCL and SNGPL and directed that in future their presence in the meeting shall be ensured by the Secretary Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. Chairman invited the representatives of SSGCL to start briefing on agenda item No. 1 Representative of SSGCL has informed the Committee that they have transmission network of total 3492 kilometer and Distribution network of 42417 in Sindh and Balochistan. In Sindh Province they have 21 Gas fields and one in Balochistan from these fields they are providing gas in 21 Districts of Sindh and 13 to Balochistan. As far as Gas Development Progress in these Provinces the representative said that total 14 schemes were completed under PWP-II and company's ADP program. Only work on 42 schemes are under process they are trying to complete those schemes within time. On a question of Chairman why they work for supplying gas to Noshki is not carrying out. The representative explained that the Gas pipes are almost

reached at the location. They further said due to security reasons in Balochistan they could not complete their work but it will be completed in 3 months.

6. The representative of SSGCL has briefed that the total project cost for Gas Development in Sindh is RS. 17.300 million in which SSGCL share is Rs. 13.247 while the Government of Pakistan share is RS. 4.075. They have completed 1649 schemes and 853 schemes are under process. On a question of Senator Jaffar Iqbal the company said that the fund not utilized always refunded to the Government and they cannot carry out the fund at their own for next financial year.

7. The SSGCL while briefing on agenda item No. ii informed that SSGCL is a Public Limited Company which run in accordance with the companies Ordinance 1984 and the code of Corporate Governance, where the Competent Authority for all the policy matters pertaining to the Company is the Board of Directors. The company has its own set of service Rules which include, recruitment policy, compensation package and all polices applicable to executive staff of the company which is typical to the operational requirements of a public sector company and not typical of a Government department. The rules and regulations pertaining to the Government department are as such not applicable to this Company.

8. The representative of SSGCL informed the Committee that total 2516 persons are serving on executive posts while 7391 are working as staff members in the company. The SSGCL has also provided the status fo shacked employees (Re-installment) to the Committee which is reproduced below:-

Description	Executive	Engineers	Doctors	Staff	Total
Appointed during 1994-1996	102	684	37	211	4257
Absorbed on Court Orders (During 2001-2007)	14	394	4	31	1263
Reinstated as per sacked employees (Reinstatement) Act-2010	11	290	33	2160	2994
Joined so far	382	199	27	1934	2542
Not Joined reported	129	91	6	226	452

The representative of SSGCL said that the work for supplying Sui Gas under PwP-ii in Noshki and its killies 29210 km Network has already laid while 65472 km pipeline to be laid in future.

9. While giving briefing on the future plan of SSGCL for Balochistan Province the Department informed that they have supplied gas to Noshki through LPG Air Mix Plant and the remained killies and surrounding Killies will be provided Gas within three months. The details of the future projects of the company which are in process are given below:-

Sr. No	Town	Cost	Cost Sent on (Date)
1.	Loralai	495.694	30 th August, 2013
2.	Chaman	763.550	6 th August, 2013
3.	Kili Khanozai	374.715	6 th August, 2013
4.	Zhob	531.226	4 th May, 2012
5.	Chaghi	616.946	20 th April, 2012
6.	Dalbadin	381.073	20 th April, 2012
7.	Harnai	381.073	12 th May, 2012
8.	Turbat	603.434	13 th April, 2012
9.	Khuzdar	538.196	21 st June, 2011

10. On a question asked by the Chairman Committee the Secretary Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, informed the Committee that the SSGCL and SNGPL both the companies have given priority for recruitment to the person belongs to the Province where the company established.

11. The representative of SNGPL has briefed the Committee that they have already laid the network of Gas in the Less Developed Areas of Punjab except District Rajan Pur. In this district Gas will be supplied in three phases with an estimated cost of Rs. 1.12787 million based on until construction rates of Financial Year 2008-09. On a question asked by Senator Jaffar Iqbal, the company representative informed that they have constructed their network up to 62% i.e. 170 km out of total 273 km in Layyah District. Three tehsils of District Layyah has already been connected to SNGPL network and Tehsils Chobara and Kahrur lal esan of the district will have to be connected in due course of time.

12. The SNGPL representative informed the Committee that they have already supplied gas to the following areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

- i. Bannu
- ii. Laki Marrwat
- iii. Tank
- iv. Hangu
- v. Karak
- vi. D.I. Khan

The following districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are not connected with gas network the detailed survey would be require to assess the durability of the project which will be started later on.

- i. District Buner
- ii. Batagram
- iii. Shangla
- iv. Upper Dir
- v. Chitral
- vi. Kohistan

13. The SNGPL has provided the detail of Province wise breakup of employees which is given below:-

S.No	Province	Executive	Subordinates	Total
1.	A J Kashmir	8	69	77
2.	Balochistan	19	78	97
3.	FATA	10	119	129
4.	Gilgit Baltistan	1	3	4
5.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	289	1544	1833
6.	Punjab	995	608	7053
7.	Sind (R)	8	13	21
8.	Sindh (U)	16	29	45
	Total	1346	7913	9259

14. The company representative while giving details about special areas of Aj&K, Gilgit Baltistan and FATA said that Mirpur is the only district of AJ&K which is connected to SNGPL Gas Network whereas no project identified or approved for supply of gas to Gilgit Baltistan so far. As regards FATA the company briefed that an amount of Rs. 1 Billion was allocated for provision of Gas to FATA by Prime Minister Secretariat on 04-12-2010.

15. The representative has briefed the Committee that in SNGPL recruitment are made on purely merit basis and the restriction of observing Provincial quota is not applicable on SNGPL. The SNGPL representative has briefed that they reinstated total 1095 employees during the last five years.

16. About the future plan of SNGPL the company representative informed the following tehsils were part of approved Mega Project for supply of Gas to Southern Districts of Punjab but the requisite funds have not been released so far.

- (i) Minchanabad (ii) Fortabbas (iii) Khairpur Tamewali

Recommendations

- i. SSGCL and SNGPL both the companies should involve the Provincial Government while facing any law and order situation during the development work.
- ii. SSGCL and SNGPL should revisit for supply of Gas to the Less Developed Areas of the country.
- iii. SSGCL and SNGPL may request the provincial Government to provide funding for extending the Gas network to the less Developed Areas of the Provinces.

(Syed Waqar Yusuf)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 27th January, 2014, at 02.00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was presided by Senator Muhammad Yousuf Badini, Chairman of the Committee.

2. The following members attended the meeting: -

1.	Senator Khalida Parveen	Member
2.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
3.	Senator Abdul Rauf	Member
4.	Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
5.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
6.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
7.	Senator Sirdar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa	Member
8.	Senator Saeed-ul-Hassan Mandokhel	Special Invitee

Lists of participants from Ministries of Industries & Production and Petroleum and Natural Resources are **Annexed**.

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under: -

- i. Detailed briefing by the Utility Store Corporation (USC) on their nationwide network specially related to Less Developed Areas.
- ii. Province-wise detailed briefing regarding the capacity of each Utility Store working nationwide and number of people are benefited from it.
- iii. Briefing about the future plan of USC to expand their network to un-served areas.
- iv. Detailed briefing on the system through which items are subsidized and detail of amount subsidized from 2010 to 2013.
- v. Reasons for closing of LPG Air Mix Plant Noshki and the steps taken to repair the said plant.
- vi. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Abdul Rauf.
5. At the outset, Chairman Committee Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini welcomed the members of the Committee and officials from the Ministry of Industries and Production and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources. The Chairman Committee then requested the participants of the meeting to introduce themselves, after which the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources was invited to brief the Committee on the agenda item No.V.
6. **(Agenda-5)** The Committee was informed that the Heat exchanger in the LPG Air Mix Plant Noshki was damaged and work was being carried out to replace the same. Gas supplies to the area were never halted. However, due to cold weather and resultant low pressure of Gas people were facing problems. Chairman said that he belongs to the Noshki and its temperature was not that cold. The Chairman stated that it has been long time since the problem was detected; why hasn't something done to solve it so far. The Committee was informed that various tests were being run to detect the reason that caused the damage to Heat Exchanger. The Chairman expressed dissent on the absence of the Managing Director of the project. He said that the plant was installed in the populated area which posed danger to a large number of people living near the plant. He said that this was an issue of public importance which should be solved immediately. The Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, however, assured the Committee that the issue will be resolved within as early as possible period.
7. **(Agenda-1 to 4)** The Managing Director Utility Stores Corporation briefed the Committee about the operations of Utility Stores throughout Pakistan, number of people benefiting from the working of Utility Stores, system of subsidies, and future plans of expansion of the operations of Utility Stores Corporation.
8. Chairman inquired about the formation of the board of Directors of the Utility Stores Corporation. He asked whether there was any province wise representation mechanism or not. Senator Abdul Rauf said that there was neither provincial representation nor public representation in the board. The board was controlled by the bureaucrats.
9. Chairman said that there were complaints regarding the quality of the commodities sold at the Utility Stores. The MD informed the Committee that there was quality checking system of the Utility Stores Corporation. However, there were instances where quality related issues arose due to corruption of the USC employees as well as suppliers. The USC has developed a new technique to counter this problem by asking the supplier to deliver goods in its own packing which will make it easier to detect the miscreants.
10. The issue of shortage in Sugar supplies came up in the meeting. The MD USC said that there were no issues relating to the quality of Sugar. However, instances of non-availability of sugar at utility stores were reported. He further said that USC's responsibilities were limited to distribution of sugar only and procurement of sugar is the responsibility of the Trading Corporation of Pakistan.

11. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that there were very limited stores in FATA. The MD said that due to insurgency many stores were destroyed and USC had to close the remaining stores as well because of security issues. However, USC provided services to the IDPs hailing from these areas.

12. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar inquired about the mechanism of check and balance of the USC. MD stated that many employees of USC had been dismissed on accounts of misappropriation and some cases were still pending with FIA. He said that vigilance officers were appointed in all regions to check the working of utility stores.

13. Senator Abdul Rauf raised the issue of wrongful appointments against the quota of Balochistan. He said that people obtained forged domiciles to contend that they were residents of Balochistan. MD said that USC has spotted two such cases where people belonging to Sindh and Punjab were appointed on the seats reserved for Balochistan. The Committee was of the opinion that more strict check should be kept on such people at the time of appointment.

14. Chairman inquired about the reasons behind the decreasing profits of the USC. MD replied that the corporation was running many stores on loss. These stores usually existed in far flung areas. USC could not close these stores because its purpose was to provide services to the people and not earning the profit. He further said that overstaffing was another reason for the decrease in profits. He said that there were many political appointments in USC which caused such overstaffing. The USC was trying to improve the situation by better management.

15. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired whether USC had to pay the taxes on the profit earned from the areas which have been exempted from taxes. MD said that since USC was registered as a company in Islamabad, therefore, it had to pay the taxes on all its profits regardless of the area from where such profits were earned.

16. The Committee was of the opinion that the operations of USC might be alright in the bigger centre, but there were many problems in the far off places. The Committee had reservations on the effectiveness of the USC's operations in Balochistan. MD informed the Committee that there was no audit of Utility Stores in Balochistan for 5 years. However, the current administration of USC was conducting an audit in Balochistan. The Chairman asked when the audit will be completed. The MD replied that it might take 15 to 20 days. Senator Abdul Rauf said that there was under-representation of Balochistan in the management of utility stores corporation. Every province should be given its due share in recruitments.

17. While discussing the problems faced by USC and its future plan, MD said that they usually faced problems such as non-availability of the banks in the far flung areas, Security problems, increased transport cost, low sales of the commodity, and insurance problems. He said that the USC was planning to establish 1000 stores and 30 new warehouses across the country. The criteria for establishing such stores would be i.e. one store at one union council; availability of banking facility; accessibility; and commercial viability.

18. In the light of the above, the Committee unanimously mad the following recommendations:-

- i. Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources should take steps to rectify the fault of the LPG Air Mix Plant Noshki within three months.
- ii. Ministry of Industries & Production should ensure the representation of all the Provinces in the Board of Directors of the Utility Stores Corporation.
- iii. Ministry of Industries & Production should provide comprehensive statement of employees of the Utility Stores Corporation who were dismissed from service on the charges of corruption.
- iv. Ministry of Industries & Production alongwith the members of the Standing Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas should pay surprise visits on the Utility Stores in the country to check the factual position of the stores.
- v. Ministry of Industries & Production should devise a mechanism to monitor the Utility Stores in the far most areas.
- vi. Ministry of Industries & Production should provide list of all the appointments made in the Utility Stores during the last three years with province-wise breakup.
- vii. Ministry of Commerce should brief the Standing Committee regarding the procedure adopted to procure Sugar in the country in its next meeting.
- viii. Ministry of Industries & Production should ensure the observance of provincial quota in the appointments of Utility Stores and each province should be given its due share as per policy of the Government.
- ix. Ministry of Industries & Production should coordinate with the Ministry of Finance to get exempted the Utility Stores from tax operating in the tax exempted areas.
- x. Ministry of Finance should be called in the next meeting of the Committee.
- xi. Ministry of Industries & Production should prepare a plan for establishment of Utility Stores in FATA.

(Muhammad Tahir Khan)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousif Badini)
Chairman Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 3rd March, 2014, at 02.00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Senator Muhammad Yousuf Badini, Chairman of the Committee.

2. The following members attended the meeting: -

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| 1. | Senator Nisar Muhammad | Member |
| 2. | Senator Abdul Rauf | Member |
| 3. | Senator Rubina irfan | Member |

Lists of participants from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources and OGDCL and Planning and Development, Government of Balochistan are **Annexed**.

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under: -

- i. Present status of affairs regarding implementation of the following Social Welfare Schemes mentioned in OGDCL's Letter No.M I/C (CSR)/2013/199, dated 11th March, 2013:-
 - (a) Construction / Establishment of Blood Bank at Civil Hospital Noshki.
 - (b) Construction / Establishment of Technical / Vocational Institute Noshki.
 - (c) Establishment of Computer Lab for Boys High School Killi Asyaban, Noshki.
 - (d) Establishment of Computer Lab for Girls High School Killi Sharif Khan, Noshki.
- ii. Briefing on various Social Welfare Schemes under consideration of the OGDCL for Less Developed Areas of the country.
- iii. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Nisar Muhammad.

5. At the outset, Chairman Committee Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini welcomed the members of the Committee and officials from the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources, OGDCL and Planning and Development, Government of Balochistan. The Chairman invited Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources to brief the Committee on the agenda.
6. The Committee offered fateha for those who lost their lives as a result of gun firing and two suicide attacks that occurred at Districts Courts Building Islamabad on 3rd March, 2014, and strongly condemned the cowardly attack.
7. **(Agenda-I)** The Managing Director, Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) briefed the Committee about the implementation status of the development projects in District Noshki. He informed the Committee that OGDCL operated in coordination with various departments of the provincial Government. OGDCL had to open a joint account with the DCO of the concerned district pursuant to the instructions of Supreme Court.
8. The Chairman observed that it was the responsibility of Government of Balochistan to co-operate with OGDCL as it was carrying out development projects for the benefit of common people of Balochistan. He said that two years had passed since the plan was initiated. Senator Nisar Muhammad and Senator Abdul Rauf inquired as to why those projects were delayed for such a long period. It was informed to the Committee that due to co-ordination with the various departments of Provincial Government's delay usually caused in finalization of development projects. The Committee expressed reservations on the practice of delay. The Committee was assured that every step should be taken to avoid further delay in finalization of said projects.
9. Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan suggested that development projects should be carried forward after change of the governments and their credit should be given to the initiators of the said project.
10. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about the criteria laid down by OGDCL for carrying out various development schemes. The M.D, OGDCL informed the Committee that the projects were usually carried out in the areas where OGDCL's operations were in process and their royalty was given to the respective provinces apart from ten percent of royalty was also spent on the development projects in that area. In addition the Company reserved one percent of its profit for the development projects for those areas. Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan said that officially the projects were for the welfare of common people, but the reality was totally different. She also said that Hospitals and Schools built in the name of welfare of poor people were insufficient and mostly used by the officials of the companies operating in the areas and those places were inaccessible for the common people. She further said that the people had very high expectations from the Government. She added that the companies working in Sandak should work for the welfare of the local people. Senator Abdul Rauf said that common people were not benefited from the Hospitals and Schools which were built for the welfare of the poor.
11. **(Agenda-II).** Senator Abdul Rauf said that the development projects of OGDCL were not carried out in any area of Balochistan except Noshki and Dera Bugti. He said that Northern

Areas of Balochistan were underdeveloped, but there were no efforts for the welfare of people of those areas. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum said that there were many projects on going in those areas by other corporations and if the Committee desired the Ministry could provide a separate briefing on it. The Chairman observed that the development projects should be concentrated towards the welfare of the common people.

12. The Chairman Committee inquired about the procedure laid down for initiating social welfare schemes in the country. The Committee was informed that the projects were identified by the public representatives of a particular area, thereafter, OGDCL evaluates project and send proposal to the Board of Directors for approval. The Committee was informed that the execution of those projects is carried out in coordination with the local administration. The Chairman inquired about the composition of the Board of Directors. He asked whether there was any province wise representation in the Board. The Committee was informed that the Board was going through restructuring at that time and presently there was no public representative in the Board of Directors of OGDCL.

13. Senator Abdul Rauf pointed out that Rs.60 Million were being spent on the construction of a Hostel for Girls in Quid-e-Azam University Islamabad by OGDCL, while no such project was initiated in the Province of Balochistan as a result Lecturers were leaving Balochistan University. The M.D OGDCL informed that the company would work for the development of Balochistan University as well.

14. Senator Nisar Muhammad pointed out that the people from FATA were suffering the most in the wake of terrorism. People have lost their homes, their children are out of schools, and they had become refugees in their own country. He said that OGDCL and other institutions of Pakistan should concentrate on the welfare of those people too. The Chairman emphasized that this should be the moral responsibility of all the companies to work for the welfare of the Less Developed Areas in the country. Senator Nisar Muhammad pointed out that nothing had been done for the welfare of the children belonging to the Less Developed Areas. He also stated that the research and exploration of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources and other companies was not up to the mark as the common people were able to extract Gold from the sand using simple techniques in the areas of Kalam and Tarbela. The Government enterprises were unable to detect such important natural resources which could play a great role in the progress of Pakistan.

15. Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan inquired about the criteria for establishing the eye camps. The M.D., OGDCL informed the Committee that the eye camps were set up in the areas where drilling or any other exploration activity was carried out by the company. Senator Rubina Irfan also inquired about the mechanism of oversight of the OGDCL. The Committee was informed that MD personally ensured that there were no irregularities in the operations of OGDCL. The Committee was further informed that the projects were carried out in co-ordination with District administration and the Public representatives of that area. Therefore, there were very little chances of misappropriation.

16. After detailed deliberations, the Committee made the following recommendations.

- (i) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources in coordination with OGDCL should ensure to rename the Vocational Training Centre, Noshki as Mir Wali Muhammad Badini Vocational Training Centre, as a mark of dedication to the deceased Senator and in recognition to his valuable services rendered for the people of Balochistan.
- (ii) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources should probe into the issue of delay caused in execution of four development schemes in Noshki, Balochistan and submit its report to the Committee.
- (iii) The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources in coordination with OGDCL and Government of Balochistan should ensure to finalize the developmental projects in Noshki, Balochistan without further delay.
- (iv) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources in collaboration with the OGDCL should ensure to initiate Macro schemes for the welfare of people of Balochistan.
- (v) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources in consultation with OGDCL should submit a comprehensive list of Eye camps established by the OGDCL in the country to the Committee.
- (vi) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources in collaboration with OGDCL should take necessary steps to initiate development schemes for the people of FATA particularly terrorism affected areas.
- (vii) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources should ensure coordination of all the exploration companies to initiate welfare schemes in the Less Developed Areas of the country.

17. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Muhammad Tahir Khan)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Area was held on 18th March, 2014, at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, and Islamabad. The meeting was presided by Senator Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini, Chairman of the Committee.

2. The following members attended the meeting: -

1.	Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen	Member
2.	Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan	Member
3.	Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	Member
4.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
5.	Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
6.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member

Lists of participants from Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunications and QESCO, are Annexed.

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- i. Briefing by the PTCL on its ongoing projects in the country with special reference to projects in Less Developed Areas.
- ii. Total profit earned by the PTCL during 2010-2014.
- iii. Share of profit of M/s Etisalat in the total income of PTCL and the amount sent out of Pakistan by them during 2010-2014.
- iv. Total amount agreed upon the time of agreement with Government of Pakistan and the amount paid to Government of Pakistan so far and the amount outstanding against M/s Etisalat.
- v. Briefing by QESCO on the present status of work on the Khuzdar-Zhob transmission line Balochistan.
- vi. Briefing by QESCO on the present status of work on the D.I. Khan-Zhob-Quetta transmission line Balochistan.
- vii. Briefing by QESCO on the present status of work on Mall Grid Station.

- viii. Briefing by QESCO on mechanism of preparing load-shedding schedule in Balochistan.
- ix. Implementation status of the recommendations made by the Chairman/Members of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas in its meeting held on 23rd July, 2013, for the future plans in Universal Services Fund (USF).
- x. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Nisar Muhammad.

5. At the outset, the Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee, other participants of the meeting and requested the participants to introduce themselves. Thereafter, he inquired about the reasons of absence of the Minister and Secretary Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunications. The Committee was informed that they were having a busy schedule due to which they could not attend the meeting. The Chairman said that the Parliament was supreme and an important organ of the state. The Minister or Minister of State should be present in the Committee meetings. Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri said that Minister and Secretary of the Ministry concerned should provide prior information if they were not available for the Committee meetings.

6. **(Agenda-i, ii, iii and iv)** The Committee was informed that PTCL had refused to attend the meeting and provide any information required by the Committee on the plea that after its privatization, it was no more a Government entity, therefore, not answerable to the Senate Standing Committee. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about the legal position of the PTCL and whether it fell under the ambit of the Ministry of Information Technology & Telecommunications or not, if not, then why the Ministry had provided answer to Agenda Item-1 which relates to PTCL. However, PTCL refused to provide any information relating to Agenda item (ii), (iii) and (iv) and inquired the stance of Ministry of I.T on it. The Joint Secretary, Ministry of I.T. informed the Committee that Government held 74 percent of the shares of PTCL; however, the control of management was with M/S Etisalat which had 26 percent of the shares, therefore, the Ministry was of the view that PTCL should provide brief to the Committee. Senator Nisar Muhammad further said that PTCL had become a white elephant. This was a very bad situation for Pakistan. Pakistan was being looted by those white elephants. No audit was carried out so far and they were not answerable to the Government. He said that Committee should take this issue very seriously and strict action should be initiated against PTCL. Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan supported the view point of Senator Nisar Muhammad.

7. The Chairman expressed concerns on the privatization of government owned departments by the government.

8. Senator Rubina Irfan said that Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications was unable to ensure the presence of PTCL. The J.S. Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications said that these matters were covered by the

agreement through which the process of privatization of PTCL was carried out. The Ministry had nothing to do with the agreement as it was done with the Privatization Commission. The Committee unanimously decided to defer the agenda items for the next meeting.

9. **(Agenda-ix)** The C.E.O, Universal Service Fund briefed the Committee regarding inquiries made by the Honorable members of the Committee in the meeting held on 17th September, 2013. He apprised that the responses to the queries were sent to the Honorable Senators through letters. The copies of which were also attached with the working papers.

10. While briefing the Committee regarding the queries of Senator Ahmed Hassan, he informed that USF was planning to establish Educational Broadband Centers in various schools and colleges of Lower Dir. A list of those schools and colleges had been provided to the Committee. The tender for the project in Timergarah was due on 31st March, 2014.

11. Responding to the queries of Senator Rozi Khan Kakar, he briefed about the areas served by USF in Qila Saifullah and Pishin and provided their details to Senator Rozi Khan Kakar. He further informed the Committee that most of the areas of District Pishin and Qila Saifullah were covered by USF.

12. While briefing the Committee regarding the queries of Chairman Committee Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, the C.T.O said that USF had launched the Mall Area project. 19 towers were to cover the 107 Mozas surveyed by USF. Seven of those towers had been installed. The Chairman Committee inquired about the time required for the completion of the project. The Committee was informed that the project will be completed within 5 to 7 months. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about overall situation of the projects of USF in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Tribal Areas. The C.T.O USF informed that a number of projects were going on in several areas and lines installed in those areas. The U.S.F were encountering some problems due to security situation in several areas as the operational equipment were targeted and destroyed by the miscreants. He also stated that a separate briefing can be arranged in that regard if so desired by the Committee.

13. Senator Khalida Parveen complained about improper signals and network coverage of cell phones in less developed areas of the country and inquired about the steps taken / under consideration of the USF to improve network coverage in the country. The C.T.O USF informed that they were doing their best to provide best network services to all the under served areas of the country. Whereas, the issue of network coverage of cell phones relates to PTA.

14. Senator Nisar Muhammad expressed concern on the delay in completion of projects. He also said that it was very embarrassing to know that M/S Etisalat was overpowering everything by merely holding 26 percent of the shares of PTCL and the government had gone into the captivity of M/S Etisalat.

15. Responding to the query regarding working mechanism of USF the C.T.O USF informed the Committee that USF was in contract with PTCL and five other major network providers for carrying out its operations. He told that projects of USF were limited to un-served areas. Once

the un-served areas were covered, further projects would be carried out in under-served areas. He further told that 95 percent of the people of Pakistan will have access to network services till 2015. He also shared that USF was technology neutral and dependent on various network providers for carrying out its operations.

16. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about the U.S.F operations in FATA. The Committee was informed that USF was working on connecting FATA through satellite in co-ordination with FATA administration. The Committee was further informed that USF was planning to set up 500 Tele-centers across the country. The division of those Tele-centers will be according to the NFC awards.

17. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired whether USF was having any problems regarding the provision of funds. The Committee was informed that quarterly payments to USF were being done in time and according to the requirements. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that USF should look into the matter of sub-contracting as well because the network providers were not paying sub-contractors sufficiently which was affecting the quality of work done by the sub-contractors. The Committee was informed that performance guarantees were taken from the service providers. The Committee was also informed that local industry was preferred by USF in the purchase of cables etc. Due to performance of U.S.F. its working model was being adopted by the other countries as well.

18. **(Agenda-vii)** The Chief Engineer, QESCO briefed the Committee on the present status of Mall Grid Station. The Committee was informed that 90 percent work of the Grid Station had been completed. The Grid Station had started working on no-load basis. The Chairman Committee inquired about the remaining 10 percent of the work. The Committee was informed that the remaining work was subject to the provision of funds by the federal government. The Committee was further informed that no funds had been released in the year 2013-2014.

19. The Chairman Committee expressed concern on a large number of un-regulated tube well meters in Balochistan. He said that without involvement of officials of WAPDA it was not possible. The owners of tube-wells had to pay more amount of money to WAPDA officials than the actual rates of electricity due to which national exchequer was suffering heavy loss. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that the Government was focusing on power generation but was not paying attention to its distribution. Huge losses were incurred by WAPDA because of outdated transmission lines in Balochistan and other areas of the country. The line losses were interpreted as electricity theft and people of Balochistan were wrongfully accused of electricity theft.

20. The Chairman said that the consumers were ready to pay the Government as they were already paying more unofficially to the officials of WAPDA. This depicted the incompetence of WAPDA. The management of QESCO was failed to control such incidents. A departmental inquiry should be conducted and strict action should be taken against officials found involved.

21. **(Agenda-v, vi, & viii)** The Committee expressed its displeasure over the absence of C.E.O QESCO and Managing Director, NTDC from the Committee meeting. The Committee was informed that both the officers were attending another meeting of a Senate Standing Committee. The Committee observed that prior information should have been given to the

Committee regarding any other engagements of those officers. This was irresponsible attitude of the officials towards the Committee. This was the breach of the privilege of the Committee. The Committee decided to convey its displeasure on the irresponsible attitude of M.D, NTDC and C.E.O. QESCO to the Ministry of Water. It was also decided to defer the agenda items for the next meeting.

22. After detailed deliberations, the Committee unanimously made the following recommendations:-

- (i) Ministry of Information Technology and Tele-communication should provide details of the agreement made between M/S Etisalat and Government of Pakistan to the Committee.
- (ii) Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications should ensure the presence of management of PTCL in the next meeting of the Committee.
- (iii) Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications should ensure to provide province-wise details of overall operations of USF in the country.
- (iv) Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications in coordination with Pakistan Telecom Authority should ensure to improve network coverage of service providers in the country with particular reference to less developed areas.
- (v) The Ministry of Water and Power should initiate action against M.D, NTDC and C.E.O, QESCO for not attending the meeting of the Committee. A report in this regard should be submitted to the Committee.
- (vi) Ministry of Finance should ensure release of outstanding funds of QESCO at the earliest for the completion of Mall Grid Station.
- (vii) Ministry of Water and Power should devise a mechanism for regularization of unregulated tube-wells in the province of Balochistan.
- (viii) Ministry of Water and Power should conduct inquiry into the alleged involvement of officials of QESCO in the operations of un-authorized tube wells in the Province of Balochistan and a report should be provided to the Committee.

23. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Muhammad Tahir Khan)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Area was held on 2nd April, 2014, at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House, and Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Senator Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini, Chairman of the Committee.

2. The following members attended the meeting: -

1.	Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen	Member
2.	Senator Abdul Rauf	Member
3.	Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
4.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
5.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
6.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member

Lists of participants from Ministry of Communications and National Highway Authority (NHA), are **Annexed**.

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- i. Briefing by the NHA regarding funds allocated / spent on the maintenance of roads in the Provinces of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan during the last three years.
- ii. Details of funds to be allocated for the maintenance of roads of the said Provinces during the next three years.
- iii. Details of staff deputed for supervision of roads network in those Provinces.
- iv. Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

4. (Agenda-I). The Chairman, National Highway Authority, briefed the Committee about the allocation of funds and expenditure of NHA in all the provinces of Pakistan. The Committee was informed that NHA had 22.51% of its road network in Punjab, 18.17% in Sindh, 15.48% in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 37% in Balochistan, and 5.2% in Gilgit Baltistan respectively. The allocation of funds and expenditure in all the provinces during the last three years was as follows:-

Sl. No.	Province	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Punjab	13,990.41	14,025.30
2.	Sindh	7,105.87	7,348.42
3.	Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	8,818.34	8,748.24
4.	Balochistan	5,104.69	4,795.94

5. Senator Abdul Rauf observed that the percentage of roads network of NHA was highest in Balochistan, while funds allocated for maintenance were very minimal as compared to other Provinces. The Chairman commented that share of Balochistan in allocation of funds was very little. The Committee was briefed that the observation of the hon'ble Chairman and members was correct. However, the allocation of funds for repairs was done according to the necessity and the condition of the road. National Highway Authority allocated funds wherever the need for repairs arose. The Committee was informed that National Highway Authority classified various roads in three categories. 18% of the roads were categorized as good, 45% fair and 37% poor. National Highway Authority allocated funds for the maintenance of roads under different heads. There were Routine maintenance, Periodic Maintenance, Rehabilitation, Highway safety, Emergency maintenance, Bridge / Culvert structure Maintenance, Toll Plaza and Weight Stations, Administrative Expenses, Consultancy, Geometric Improvements, and Roll over Contracts.

6. Responding the query raised by Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan about the criteria of routine maintenance, the Committee was informed that the routine maintenance related to maintaining cleanliness of the roads. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired whether the washed out bridges as a result of floods and other natural calamities were repaired under the head of emergency maintenance or otherwise. It was informed to the Committee that those roads or bridges were repaired under the head of emergency maintenance.

7. Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen inquired about the age of the roads. The Committee was informed that at the time of construction, the age of a road was usually ten years. However, the age increased by 5 to 7 years after overlay. The age of the roads also depended on the amount and nature of the Traffic on that road.

8. The Chairman inquired about the issue of overloading and the action taken against the violators. The Committee was briefed that NHA had established 64 weigh stations. Three percent of the income of the NHA was generated through the *challans* carried out on account of overloading and violating rules. The Committee was informed that transporters went on a strike after NHA tried to implement the load regulations strictly. The Chairman inquired about the grievances of the protestors and the subsequent steps taken by the NHA. The Committee was informed that an agreement was reached between NHA and the transporters that the overloading will decrease gradually. Senator Abdul Rauf inquired about the authority to cancel the route permits of the transporters on account of violation of rules and regulations. The Committee was

informed that the Provincial Governments were competent as the subject matter related to them. It was further informed that overloading was a major cause of destruction of roads. The Chairman Committee said that the problem should be resolved in co-ordination with Provincial Government keeping in view the grievances of the transporters.

9. The Chairman NHA said that sudden steps were likely to damage the interests of the common people adversely. Therefore, NHA adopted the policy of gradual enforcement. The NHA was lacking funds to carry out the repairs of the roads, which was the major reason of the continuous deterioration of the roads.

10. Senator Abdul Rauf expressed concern over non-deployment of Highway Police on the Quetta-Chaman section. He inquired about the reasons for not extending the operations of NHA in Balochistan. The Committee was informed that the major reason was the lack of funds. The Chairman Committee commented that deficiency of funds was only for the Province of Balochistan. He said that shortage of manpower was also limited to Balochistan. He lamented the fact that every problem arose for the Province of Balochistan. He further added that lip-service was there regarding solving the problems of Balochistan, but nothing was done on ground. He also said that it was un-fortunate that most of the projects in Balochistan were about 10 years old. New projects had not been initiated in Balochistan for past many years. He gave example of the Quetta to Qalat Project which came in 2005 since then no new project was initiated.

11. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired about the repairs done under the head of Emergency Maintenance. The Committee was informed that during the floods in 2010-2011, large amount of funds had to be allocated to repair the damages caused due to the floods. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that there was a difference between the intensity of the floods in different provinces during that period. How NHA did distribute its funds in that scenario? The Chairman NHA said that the complete details of funds allocated and utilized on this account would be provided to the Committee shortly.

12. The Committee decided to constitute a Sub-Committee to discuss and examine the province-wise and district-wise details of funds allocated and utilized under the head of emergency maintenance on the repair / maintenance of roads, bridges and culverts etc. which were damaged due to the floods of 2010 and 2011, comprising of the following members and submit its report to the Committee not later than two months as required by sub-rule (2) of Rule 183 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012:-

(1)	Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan	Convener
(2)	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
(3)	Senator Khalida Parveen	Member

13. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar said that no work by NHA had been seen in Balochistan. The Committee was informed that the procurement was going on in Balochistan. The major reason behind the delay was a Ban imposed by APNS on advertisements of the Ministry of Communications. The Chairman Committee inquired about the monetary value of various projects in Balochistan. The Committee was informed that the projects were worth Rs.100 million approximately. The Chairman also inquired about the criteria for awarding the contracts. The

Committee was informed that the qualification criteria had been revised and the NHA had saved Rs.4 million in the maintenance tenders in the current year. The Chairman said that open competition should be encouraged by NHA in the award of the contracts. It will increase the efficiency and benefit the people of Pakistan.

14. (Agenda-II). The Committee was briefed that NHA worked a great deal for planning the future estimation of costs for the maintenance of various roads. Such estimation is done after detailed surveys of the roads. The estimation was done on the basis of latest available pavement conditions and roughness data along with other relevant traffic data for every year. The surveys were usually carried out after the *Monsoon* season. The NHA followed International practices in carrying out its surveys. After surveys, prioritization was done by NHA according to the revenue generated by a particular road. NHA develops yearly, 5 year, 10 year, and 20 year plans based on those surveys. NHA held meetings with all the stakeholders and asked them to point out towards the deficiencies in the structures of the roads.

15. (Agenda-III). The Committee was briefed about the details of the staff deputed for road supervision in all the provinces of the country. The Chairman expressed his concerns regarding the dates of appointment of the officers. He said that the officers who served for a long period of time in an area might indulge in corrupt practices. Senator Nisar Muhammad inquired as to why an officer namely Mr. Ashfaq Ahmad Khan a BS-18 officer was posted on the post of Director in Peshawar Region while there were other senior officers in BS-19. The Chairman NHA informed that the said officer was posted due to his performance and as a mark of encouragement and setting an example for other officers. The Chairman and members of the Committee appreciated the performance of the officer and supported the decision of Chairman NHA.

16. The Chairman inquired about the roads that came under the supervision of the Quetta region. The Committee was informed that the roads which came under the supervision of Quetta region were Quetta-Noshki-Taftan road, N-25, N-65, N-70, N-50 and N-90. The area covered by those roads was about 2000 kilometers. The Chairman observed that there were only two Deputy Directors to supervise such a huge area. Two Deputy Directors could not oversee such a large area. There was no use of spending on maintenance if there were limited people to supervise the activity. The Directors and Deputy Directors deputed in various areas should be changed regularly. He also said that he had never seen personnel of the NHA on those roads. He further said that Billions of rupees were being spent on various projects while the deployment of NHA to oversight the repair / maintenance was insufficient. The Ministry of Communications should take up the issue on urgent basis and make necessary arrangements for recruitment on those areas. The Chairman NHA agreed to the observation of the Chairman Committee.

17. Senator Abdul Rauf inquired about the implementation of Provincial quota during recruitments in NHA. The Committee was informed that no data was readily available. However, the complete data would be provided to the Committee shortly. The Chairman said that if people were not ready to serve in Balochistan, then NHA should recruit local people to serve in those areas. The Chairman NHA said that officers wanted to serve in the areas where maintenance budget was higher. Officers tried to influence the department by contacting politicians for appointments in the desired areas. He said that Baloch people were suffering for roads, water, security etc. He also added that there was no use of any reform if there was no one to oversight the progress.

18. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that people can be brought in from the Provincial Governments on deputation basis, if fresh recruitment is not possible. He said that out of 14 GMs in NHA, 11 belonged to one Province. Senator Abdul Rauf said that the constitution of Pakistan provided more than six percent quota to the province of Balochistan. People should be recruited by following that quota.

19. The Chairman NHA assured the Committee that the intentions of the current administration were positive. The department will always remain answerable to the Committee. He asked for the guidance and support of the Committee. The Chairman Committee said that supervision should be ensured in the first instance. He said that Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors were the contractors of the projects in many occasions. Transparency cannot be ensured in such circumstances.

20. Senator Ahmed Hassan suggested that the projects may be carried out under the supervision of the public representatives of that area. He said that quality of the maintenance work should be improved. The roads got deteriorated soon after the completion of the maintenance work. Corruption in the working should be curbed. He expressed his concerns regarding the provision of working paper on the day of the meeting. He said that the working papers should be provided to the Committee in time so that the Members could work on them and make the Committee Meeting fruitful. While answering a query of Senator Ahmed Hassan the Committee was informed that NHA worked throughout the year and its work was not limited to the 30th June deadline every year. Senator Ahmed Hassan inquired about latest progress of work on the Lowari Tunnel. The Committee was informed that the funds had been increased for the earlier completion of the tunnel.

21. After detailed deliberations the Committee unanimously made the following recommendations:-

- i. Ministry of Communications and National Highway Authority (NHA) in co-ordination with the respective Provincial Governments should ensure to resolve the issue of over-loading by the transporters.
- ii. Ministry of Communications should ensure deployment of at least one Deputy Director, National Highway Authority (NHA) for the supervision of roads network over the area of every 200 kilometers in the province of Balochistan.
- iii. Ministry of Communications should ensure to observe the Provincial quota while making recruitments.
- iv. Ministry of Communications should conduct an inquiry into the alleged irregularities of award of contract of N-40. A report in this regard should be provided to the Committee.
- v. Ministry of Communications should ensure to implement rotation policy of the Government while making postings of Officers of National Highway Authority in the country.

22. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Muhammad Tahir Khan)

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)

Secretary (Committee)

Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SENATE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.

A meeting of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Area was held on 8th May, 2014, at 2.00 p.m. in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was presided over by Senator Mir Muhammad Yousuf Badini, Chairman of the Committee.

2. The following members attended the meeting: -

i.	Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen	Member
ii.	Senator Abdul Rauf	Member
iii.	Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind	Member
iv.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member
v.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
vi.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
vii.	Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum & Natural Resources	Ex-Officio Member

Lists of participants from Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources, OGDCL and PPL, are **Annexed.**

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- (i) Briefing by the Ministry of Petroleum on all Social Welfare Schemes executed by all public and private oil & gas companies in the less developed areas of all the provinces indicating also details of their future plans.
- (ii) Briefing on the Sandak Metal Project and their Social Welfare projects in the Less Developed Areas of Balochistan.
- (iii) Any other item with the permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran.

5. At the outset, Chairman welcomed the members of the Committee, other participants of the meeting and requested the participants to introduce themselves.

6. The Chairman Committee showed his concern on the receipt of working papers just before the commencement of the meeting and directed that it should have been provided at least three days before the meeting enabling the members of the Committee to make themselves fully prepared. Senator Nisar Muhammad also showed his concern on the issue. Secretary, Ministry of

Petroleum & Natural Resources assured the Committee for timely submission of the working papers in future.

7. **(Agenda-I).** In his opening remarks, the Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources stated that there were two public sector companies namely OGDCL and PPL. Under the Petroleum policy the social obligations of the companies were to work for the welfare of the people of the exploring and adjoining area. All social welfare schemes were made taking on board the local administration and public representatives of the area. The OGDCL being the largest company in exploration and production of oil and gas in the country contributes major junk in the uplift of social welfare projects. The PPL being an old E & P company in the public sector also executes social welfare schemes under their social obligation on the recommendations of the board and taking on board the local representatives.

8. In response to a query raised by Senator Nisar Muhammad regarding any formula prescribed for the execution of the social welfare schemes in the country it was informed to the Committee that under the social welfare obligation the respective petroleum policy, PCA and applicable guidelines governs the execution of social welfare schemes. Under the present petroleum policy it had been divided into zones. In response to another query raised by Senator Nisar Muhammad regarding fixed amount when there was one percent profit fixed by the OGDCL it was told to the Committee that the fixed amount was in addition to the one percent profit of the OGDCL while PPL was spending more than two percent of its pre-tax profit on the social welfare schemes annually. Senator Nisar Muhammad further enquired about the formula of allocation of zones. It was informed to the Committee by the D.G., Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources that Pakistan had been divided into four zones. Zones I, II and III were covered on land while one zone IV was covered in the sea. The distribution was made on the basis of those areas where exploration activities were difficult, wells were deep, prospects were low, middle or very good level and accordingly funds were allocated. Funds on social welfare schemes were spent by the companies immediately after the issuance of licenses irrespective of the fact whether discovery was made or not for the better interaction with the people of the area. Funds can only be spent on social welfare programme such as fight against narcotics, promotion of sports, rehabilitation of the mentally retarded and handicapped children, improvement of educational facilities, drinking water, health, roads and grant of scholarships to local students.

9. In response to a query raised by the Chairman Committee regarding execution of social welfare schemes in the areas of exploration or in the surrounding areas, it was informed to the Committee that due to paucity of funds those social welfare schemes were limited to those areas where the exploration work was in progress.

10. Thereafter, Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources invited M.D. OGDCL to brief the Committee on the item of the agenda. The M.D. briefed the Committee on various social welfare schemes initiated by the OGDCL in the less developed areas of the country during the financial year 2013-14. He shared corporate social responsibility of the OGDCL under which it was their continued service embedding social responsibility in their core business on priority in the shape of welfare schemes executed for the locals and society under PCA and indigoes and CSR activity. He informed the Committee that at exploration phase \$10,000 to \$30,000 was allocated annually for each license, at production phase, contribution to society increased on the

basis of production commercially. He shared a glance of the province-wise allocation of CSR budget for the financial year 2013-14 under which 1% of the net profit amounting to Rs.969 million were utilized in the country. The main focus was on the Health Care, Education, Sanitation and Sports activities of the community. An amount of \$7.7 million would be spent by the OGDCL during the current financial year in the four provinces. He also shared that OGDCL had spent an amount of Rs.2 million in Dakhni Field, on different social welfare schemes. On the recommendation of MNA, an amount of Rs.3.5 million was also spent on the provision of sewing machines to the deserving women in Khanewal, Vehari, Toba Tek Singh, Sahiwal and Jhang. Moreover, free eye camps were also established in various districts of Punjab by spending an amount of Rs.28.5 million.

11. Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen proposed that a Vocational Training Institute may be established in Kot Adu for the welfare of the women of the area. It was assured to the Committee that due consideration will be given to the proposal. Senator Khalida Parveen also enquired whether there were schemes other than free eye camps in Dhodak, Nandipur, Fimkassar, Rajian and Sadqal. It was informed to the Committee that those schemes were not limited to just eye camps. There were also other schemes such as provision of water supply, sanitation, play grounds, education, roads construction and health care according to the requirement and demand of the local people. Senator Nisar Muhammad enquired whether the schemes were launched for the welfare of the employees of the companies or otherwise. The Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources informed the Committee that those schemes were specifically launched for the social welfare of the community. In addition the royalty was also being given to the respective provinces for utilization on the social welfare of the respective fields.

12. Senator Rozi Khan Kakar enquired about the social welfare schemes of OGDCL initiated in the Province of Balochistan. The M.D. OGDCL informed the Committee that the OGDCL had transferred an amount of Rs.750 million to the DCOs of various districts of Balochistan for initiation of those schemes taking on board the public representatives according to the requirements of the area. He shared an example of Zin area of District Dera Bugti wherein they deposited an amount of Rs.1,640,000/- in the account of DCO. Senator Abdul Rauf enquired whether the said amount was utilized in the specific exploration of oil and gas or surrounding areas were also considered for its utilization. The M.D. OGDCL informed the Committee that those funds were specifically reserved for the areas where exploration activities were under process. He also informed that under the current petroleum policy the respective province had to spend minimum amount of 10% out of 12.5% of royalty for the social welfare of the concerned districts where exploration was carried out. Responding to a query raised by Senator Rozi Khan Kakar regarding names of those DCOs in whose accounts the funds were deposited the M.D. OGDCL informed the Committee that the funds were deposited, in the accounts of DCOs, Barkhan, Awaran, Dera Bugti, Kharan, Khuzdar, Qila Saifullah, Kohlu, Jhal Magsi, Uthal, Loralai, Panjgoor, Sibi and Zhob, Balochistan.

13. Senator Abdul Rauf enquired as to why no funds were utilized in the areas of Zarghoon, Harnai, Ziarat for the social welfare schemes despite the process of exploration and drilling. The M.D. OGDCL replied that the OGDCL was not conducting any exploration in those areas. However, another private sector company, namely Mari Petroleum was conducting the said activity.

14. In response to a query by Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind regarding operational activities in the areas of Gwadar and Turbat by the OGDCL, it was informed to the Committee that at present no activity was conducted by the OGDCL, however, new blocks were identified in those areas which will be given due consideration.

15. The Chairman Committee enquired about the nature of utilization of funds for the improvement of educational facilities. The MD, OGDCL informed the Committee that funds were utilized for the construction of schools, provision of scholarships, transport facility for the school going children, provision of computer, provision of furniture to the schools and supply of drinking water etc. The Chairman Committee suggested that the focus be made to the grant of scholarships for the local students enabling them to have more chances of education.

16. In response to a query by Senator Nisar Muhammad regarding utilization of only 6% amount in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as compared to the utilization percentage of other provinces it was told to the Committee that since the production activity in that province was started in the year 2011-12, therefore, the amount of utilization was less than to other provinces.

17. Briefing the Committee on the social welfare schemes of OGDCL in the Province of Sindh, the M.D. OGDCL stated that a women vocational institute had been established for the welfare of women and a T.B. Centre in Hyderabad besides other social welfare schemes which was appreciated by the local as well as the people of adjoining areas. Senator Abdul Rauf enquired whether there was any monitoring committee constituted for the said social welfare schemes. The M.D. OGDCL informed that a separate CSR department headed by a General Manager soughts reports from the Regional Coordinator and Field Managers on monthly basis which were updated and being audited on regular basis.

18. Briefing the Committee the M.D. PPL informed that under the current PPL exploration portfolio exploration process was divided into 41 local and 3 international Blocks. Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) the PPL had utilized an amount of Rs.3537 million in the country during the last four years. Highlighting the utilization he informed that during the last four years the utilization of PPL in the social welfare schemes was doubled as compared to last years most of them were spend on the Health, Education and Water supply schemes and provision of free gas to the area of Sui. Apart from 80% utilization of funds were in the Province of Balochistan, 13% Sindh, 4% Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The main exploration field of PPL was also from the Sui, Balochistan while its other field areas were under exploration which might start production soon. Senator Nisar Muhammad enquired as to why no amount of spend in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the years 2009 to 2011 while during the years 2012 and 13 minimal amount was utilized as compared to other provinces. The M.D. PPL informed the Committee that the PPL had commenced survey of the areas and exploration was under way while no production was made till yet. However, a well will be drilled during the current financial year, thereafter; the utilization in the social welfare schemes would be increased. He also informed that during the last two years an amount of Rs.1,931 million was spend under the voluntary social uplift at Sui, Kandhkot, Adhi and Mazarani fields in order to facilitate the local communities. Under the CSR Policy 2013 PPL mainly focused on social development activities at the company's producing and exploration areas across the country. Under the social welfare

obligation in the Province of Sindh the PPL had also established ten exploration blocks wherein millions of rupees were spend on the social welfare schemes of the community while only one block namely Gambat South Block gas was explored the work of which will be finalized during the current financial year and production of gas resume shortly. In another field of Kandhkot East / Chachar was producing gas and one well was also drilled. Similarly the PPL had initiated sub-exploration activities in the six Districts of Balochistan namely Khuzdar, Kalat, Barkhan, Kharan East & West and Kharan. Most of them survey process was completed and at present drilling wing was available to start work in Khuzdar by the end of the current month. Highlighting the initiatives taken by the PPL in the Sui he informed that a huge project of hospital was completed which comprises of 50 bed and handed over to the Government of Balochistan under the agreement the PPL had to provide 8-10 specialist Doctors and provision of medicines worth billion of rupees annually. He also informed the Committee about the two blocks of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where survey was completed and drilling process will be carried out in the Zindan Block by the end of the current year and hopefully gas will be explored. Responding to the query raised by the Committee the M.D. PPL informed the Committee that the license was issued to them for a period of three years and if everything goes on time the will be drilled during that period and after exploration 18 months was required to complete the plant installation process.

19. He apprised the Committee that a Block in Dhok Sultan, District Attock for repair and renovation of THQ Hospital Jand was awarded in February, 2010. The work on it was started some surveys were being carried out. The accumulated amount of \$116,096 had been transferred to joint account of D.C / D.C.O. Its schemes would be developed in consultation with the concerned MNA and elders of the area. He also briefed the Committee about another production field in Adhi, District Gujar Khan which provides five annual scholarships for higher professional education to local students, construction of road, water supply scheme at two villages, multi-purpose hall, Science laboratory, boundary walls and academic blocks at four Government Schools and provided to furniture to eight Government Schools around in Adhi Field, District Attock. Annual free surgical eye camps continuation of in-kind support to medical dispensary at Mastala, operating women vocational centre at village Mastala.

20. Senator Nisar Muhammad enquired about the details of production of Adhi field. It was apprised to the Committee that 40 million cubic feet gas, 7000 barrel of oil and 60-70 tons of LPG were produced from Adhi field daily. Senator Nisar Muhammad also enquired why the schemes was limited to only Adhi field after the production and after obtaining profit why it was not extended to other nearby areas of the district. It was informed to the Committee that the company does not have sufficient funds in this regards. The Chairman Committee suggested that the adjoining areas of the districts may also be considered for grant of scholarships, education and other support. The Committee was assured to give due consideration on the suggestion.

21. In response to a query by Senator Abdul Rauf regarding supply of free gas to the areas of exploration, it was informed to the Committee that there was no such policy. However, as per directives of the previous regime gas would be supplied preferentially to the people of the area of exploration.

22. Responding to a query, the M.D. PPL informed the Committee that PPL provides 60 number of scholarships for higher professional education for the people of Balochistan in addition to 30 scholarships under the four years Education Plan for secondary education across the country out of which 70 students from the Province of Balochistan were getting benefits. The Chairman Committee enquired about the criteria of the said scholarships. The M.D. informed the Committee that a Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner, representatives from PPL and the education department considers the grant of said scholarships on merit. The Chairman Committee directed the PPL to provide the details of fifteen scholarships awarded so far to the Committee.

23. In response to a query by Senator Abdul Rauf pointed regarding non-initiation of social welfare schemes in the districts of Quetta, Pishin, Moosa khel, Loralai and Ziarat, the M.D. PPL informed the Committee that they had no license for those areas.

24. Agenda item No.(II) regarding briefing on the Sandak Metal Project and their Social Welfare projects in the Less Developed Areas of Balochistan was deferred for the next meeting.

25. After detailed discussion, the Committee made the following recommendations / directions:-

- i. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources in co-ordination with OGDCL should ensure to establish a Vocational Training Institute at Kot Addu for the social uplift of the women of the area.
- ii. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources in co-ordination with PPL should ensure to provide details of award of fifteen annual scholarships for Diploma Course (Technical Education) for students of District Dera Bugti.
- iii. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources in co-ordination with public and private sector exploration companies should consider the proposal of the Committee regarding establishment of a Hostel for students in Quetta University.
- iv. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources should devise a mechanism for the public and private sector exploration companies to increase percentage of their net profit for utilization on the social welfare schemes in the country.
- v. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources should ensure the presence of all private oil & gas companies to brief the Committee regarding Social Welfare Schemes executed by them in the less developed areas, in its next meeting.

26. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Muhammad Tahir Khan)
Secretary (Committee)

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS

A Meeting of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 10th November, 2014 at 02:30 P.M. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Honourable Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

i.	Senator Mrs. Khalida Parveen	Member
ii.	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	Member
iii.	Senator Abdul Rauf	Member
iv.	Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan	Member
v.	Senator Nisar Muhammad	Member

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- iv. Briefing by the Sui Sothern Gas Company Ltd; on the gas connections to the surrounding area from LPG Air Mix Plant.
- v. Briefing by the Pakistan Bait ul Mall on its performance on projects/ schemes made for the Less Developed Areas of the country.
- vi. Briefing on the Sandak Metals Projects and their Social Welfare projects in the Less Developed areas of Balochistan.
- vii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

4. The list of officers from Pakistan Bait ul Mall and SSGCL who attended the meeting is annexed as A.

5. The meeting started with the recitation of holy Quran. Thereafter, the honourable Chairman Committee welcomed the members Committee, Deputy Managing Director Pakistan Bait ul Mall, SSGCL along with other officers and officials who attended the meeting.

6. Taking the agenda item No. 2, regarding the performance on the projects / schemes made for the less developed areas of the country by the Pakistan Bait ul Mall, the Chairman Committee directed acting Deputy Managing Director to brief the Committee on the subject. Aslam Chaudhry, Deputy Managing Director Pakistan Bait ul Mall, apprised the Committee that Managing Director Pakistan Bait ul Mall could not attend the meeting because he was attending a course in National Defence University, Islamabad. Apprising the Committee on the outline of briefing the Deputy Managing Director informed that Pakistan Bait ul Mall is working on national level for rehabilitation of Child Labour, Vocational Dastakari School, Diversified Vocational Dastakari School and Pakistan Sweet Homes. The Deputy Managing Director informed the Committee that Pakistan Bait ul Mall has established orphanage, called as Pakistan Sweet Home having accommodation for 100 children each, aging from 4-6 years. he further informed that Pakistan Bait ul Mall had so far established 33 Pakistan Sweet Home and by giving further description he intimated that in Punjab there are 10 Sweet Homes, Sindh 5,

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa 6 Balochistan 2 and ICT, AJK and Gilgit Baltistan 10. He further elaborated that most of the Sweet Homes were established in the main cities where good facilities of education, vocational training schools and health are available.

7. While describing the criteria of enrolling the children in Sweet Homes, Deputy Managing Director informed that the benchmark for enrolling the children is that the family income of that children should be less than Rs. 10,000 per month, by making it more transparent Pakistan Bait ul Mall has a district officer who verified the relevant information and after verification the children are enrolled in Pakistan Sweet Home. Senator Khalida Parveen pointed out that the said Committee takes up the issues pertaining to less developed areas so it would be more appropriate that the Sweet Homes should be established in less developed areas. The Deputy Managing Director informed that the main object of said homes was to provide better facilities to the children who are readily available in the main cities and even the children could be imparted better education in the schools.

8. Senator Abdul Rauf, pointed out that to establish and run a sweet home did not require any rocket science just to take care of 100 children could also be possible in the remote areas of Pakistan children would consider himself more secure / comfortable if he has given appropriate care in his native environment rather to make him shifted in another area. The Deputy Managing Director agree to the proposal but describe his financial constraints and share with the Committee that the budget of Pakistan Bait ul Mall is just Rs. 2 billion which was sanctioned in 2008, and it is great misfortune that the said budget could not be increased beyond Rs. 2 billion even after laps of six years. The Deputy Managing Director further apprised that in most of the cases the Sweet Homes were being run by the donations of philanthropist who are readily available in major cities. He further requested to the august Committee that they should recommend to the government to increase their annual budget so as to accommodate more Sweet Homes in the country. The Committee therefore, recommended that the government should revisit his policy and make considerable increase in the current budget of Pakistan Bait ul Mall.

9. Senator Nisar Muhammad questioned the criteria of enrolment of children in Pakistan Sweet Homes and mentioned that he could mentioned such families having more than 60,000 per month income and their children were enrolled in the Sweet Homes. Senator Nisar Muhammad also pointed out that in the recent war against terrorists, he could provide the list of 750 children who are orphan in only Malakand division and Pakistan Bait ul Mall should take extra measures to accommodate the children whose parents were expired in the war against terrorism. Senator Nisar Muhammad further emphasized that a Sweet Home should be established in Malakand division and is it is not convenient over there than it could be established in Peshawar so as to take care for the infants. The Deputy Managing Director agreed to the proposals but reemphasized his previous version that the financial constraints do not allow him to open more Sweet Homes. Senator Abdul Rauf has also objected that the Balochistan being the largest province of Pakistan has only 2 Sweet Homes whereas, in Pindi, Islamabad there was 7 sweet homes. he further insisted that the Committee has no objection on the establishment of Sweet Homes in Islamabad despite the fact that the families have more convenience in visiting Sweet Homes, but vast areas of Pakistan is alarmingly neglected.

10. While taking up agenda item number one regarding gas connections to the surrounding areas from LPG Air Mix Plant, the Chairman Committee directed MD SSGCL to brief the Committee. The MD SSGCL while describing the infrastructure in Balochistan apprised the Committee that

SSGCL has a transmission network of 692 kilometer, whereas, its distribution network is around 7263 kilometers. The SSGCL has provided gas to 14 Districts out of 32 Districts in Balochistan having overall 236914 customers including 56 industrial and 2329 commercial customers. The MD SSGCL apprised the Committee that there are total four LPG Air Mix Systems in Pakistan and out of them three is in Balochistan. The Committee was further updated that by the LPG air mix system, the number of customers' accommodated in Gawadar were 667, in Noshki 1172 and in Sohrab 583.

11. Senator Abdul Rauf, pointed out that in Quetta, during winter season; the gas pressure is usually insufficient to meet the requirements of the people. Senator Rubina Irfan highlighted that the people were so excited on the arrival of gas in their area that they have abandoned the coal chimneys installed in their old houses, but have to pay the price because of low pressure the people are suffering in chilly cold winter. It was also highlighted that the compressor system installed at Shikarpur is not performing as per requirement and therefore, the Chairman Committee directed that the gas pressure in Quetta may be increased. The Chairman Committee also objected on the poor network of SSGCL and particularly pointed out his own house in Noshki, where gas connection was available but in the surrounding areas, the other communities were not given gas connection. He further suggested that either these gas connections may be removed or the people in the surrounding areas may be provided gas connections.

12. The Committee was also updated by the MD that the phase wise plan for Balochistan and Sindh has also been chalked out and during phase Awaran Winda town Uthal town, Baila Town and Khuzdar would be connected whereas in Dunbeen, Muslim Bagh, Qila Saifullah and Loralai would be connected. The Committee also directed that for the selection of areas in the Muslim Bagh, Senator Rozi Khan Kakar may also be taken on board to specify the areas. While discussing the gas connection in Gawadar the Committee was apprised that the local population was not provided gas connections because it was confusion to the SSGCL that as per the master plan the local population of Gawadar would be shifted to other areas that is the reason that the people of that area were resisting in laying gas pipelines when their own houses were not given due benefit of gas connection. The Committee was informed that 25 kilometer line was already approved and if allowed the work would be started over there. While discussing the corporate social responsibility (CSR) the MD informed that the SSGCL is actively participating in developing culture and sports in those areas. The SSGCL has also provided electronic water cooler/ ceiling fan/ pedestal fan, visiting chair for the staff room and center table for government girls high school. While discussing the proposed projects the Committee was informed that in district Lasbella different projects amounting to Rs. 20 million were also under construction and work would be started in those areas.

13. After detailed discussion and deliberation the Committee recommended as follows.

- i. The DMD Pakistan Bait ul Mall was directed that Sweet Homes should also be established in the less developed areas of Pakistan.
- ii. The criteria for enrolling deserving children should be more transparent.
- iii. The Committee strongly recommended that the current budget of Pakistan Baitl ul Mall amounting to Rs. 2 billion should be reconsidered and considerable increase should be made to cover current expenses.

- iv. The DMD Pakistan Bait ul Mall was directed to establish Sweet Homes in Malakand or Peshawar to cater for 750 children orphaned due to war against terror in Malakand Division.
- v. The MD SSGCL was directed to increase its distribution network for LPG Air Mix plant in Balochistan to accommodate maximum domestic consumers.
- vi. The Committee directed that in Noshki the LPG Gas connections should also be provided to the surrounding areas.
- vii. The Committee strongly directed that the gas pressure in Quetta and other chilly areas of Balochistan should be increased during winter season.

14. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Malik Arshad Iqbal)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: - **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS.**

A meeting of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas was held on 4th December, 2014 at 10.30 a.m in Committee Room No.1, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting.

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| i. | Senator Mrs Khalida Parveen | Member |
| ii. | Senator Rozi Khan Kakar | Member |
| iii. | Senator Abdul Rauf | Member |
| iv. | Senator Mrs. Rubina Irfan | Member |
| v. | Senator Mir Muhammad Ali Rind | Member |
| vi. | Senator Ahmed Hassan | Member |
| vii. | Mr. Baleegh-ur-Rehman | Ex-Officio Member |
- Minister of State for
Federal Education and Professional Training

3. The agenda before the Committee was as under: -

- i. Measures being taken by the Federal Government to establish Universities in Less Developed Areas of the country including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan.
- ii. Steps taken by the HEC to promote Scholarship- based education in Less Developed Areas of the country including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan.
- iii. Mechanism evolved to aware the students to avail Scholarships in Less Developed Areas of the country including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan.
- iv. Detail of Scholarships awarded under various foreign sponsored/ indigenous programmes to the students of Less Developed Areas of the country including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan.
- v. Details of P.M's Lap Top Scheme for the students of Less Developed Areas of the country including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan.
- vi. Details of P.M's Fee reimbursement Scheme for the students of Less Developed Areas of the country including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan.
- vii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

4. List of officers from the M/o Federal Education and Professional Training and Higher Education Commission who attended the meeting is annexed as A.

5. The meeting started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Senator Abdul Rauf. The Honourable Chairman Committee welcomed the members of the Committee, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training Mr. Baleegh-ur-Rehman, Secretary, M/o Education and Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) along with other officers and officials of the Ministry and the HEC who attended the meeting.

6. At the start of the meeting the Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training requested the Chairman Committee that his view point may be obtained because of his official engagements. With the permission of the Chairman, the Minister of State apprised the Committee about that the Government had increased the budget of Higher Education Commission from 40 million to 63 million for the under developed areas in Pakistan. The Government had initiated the provision of Laptops under the Prime Minister's Laptop and Fee re-imburement schemes for the young and bright students/scholars of M.Phil., M.S., MBA, LL.M or equivalent studying in different public sector universities at local level. The Students of Masters level or above from FATA and the Ph.D. scholars are allowed to benefit from the scheme in all over the Country. Besides this the Federal Government decided to establish a university or its sub-campus in each district of Pakistan in the next 3-4 years.

7. The Chairman Committee pointed out that as Balochistan has a vast area with only five universities, therefore, the students belonging to Balochistan, studying in other provinces at Masters level, may also be included in Prime Minister's Laptop and Fee Re-imburement Schemes. Senator Abdul Rauf, while seconding point of the Chairman Committee, said that the students belonging to Gawadar give preference to Karachi rather than Quetta for their higher studies due to easy access. The MoS, responding to it, said that distribution of laptops and fee re-imburement at local level to the students of Master level is a policy matter. He, however, elucidated that only Ph.D. scholars can benefit from these schemes on all Pakistan bases.

8. Senator Khalida Parveen asked about the status of Prime Minister's scheme for the students of Southern Punjab. The MoS said that students of D.G. Khan, Multan and Bhawalpur Divisions were provided 100% fee re-imburement facility under the Prime Minister's fee re-imburement scheme and due to this incentive the enrolment of students in the said divisions increased.

Agenda Item (i)

9. Dr Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman, HEC, while briefing the Committee on agenda item (i) said that promoting access to higher education all over Pakistan is one of the main aim of the HEC. He further said that in 2000-01 there were only 59 universities in Pakistan, 37 in public and 22 in private sector, but over the last 12 years, the number has increased three-fold and now there are 94 universities in public and 69 in private sector. At that time student access rate to education was 2.6 %, but today we have crossed 8.2% which is still lowest in the region. In Pakistan only 2% of GDP is being invested on education. He further informed the Committee that Prime Minister has directed the HEC to establish a university or a sub-campus of a university at each district in the next 3-4 years so that students can access education at their door step.

10. Briefing on establishment of universities in less developed areas of the country, the Chairman HEC informed the Committee that Karakorum University has been established in Gilgit and its sub-Campus has been established at Skardu. He also informed the Committee that under this scheme universities at Swat and Malakand have been established. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan informed the committee about the establishment of Sub- campus of Kohat University at Parachinar which is lying pending since 2009. The Chairman HEC informed the Committee that in order to provide higher education to the students of FATA, HEC has proposed a project titled: Establishment of FATA University: in the PSDP 2014-15 at a tentative cost of Rs. 4700 million. Charter of the university has been promulgated and a piece of land has also been purchased at Akhurwal, Darra Adam Khel but due to local disputes, the land could be purchased. He explained that the HEC, with the collaboration of Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Federal Secretary of Education, is striving to establish university at a suitable and undisputed place anywhere in FATA. He further explained that after establishment of the university, its sub-campuses will be established at each agency of FATA. The Chairman HEC further informed the Committee that Islamia College University, Peshawar has signed an agreement for establishment of its sub-campuses at Mirali, North Waziristan, Sadda and Parachinar, Kurram Agency for which the HEC will provide funds. He told the Committee that campuses of Khan Abdul Wali Khan University and Shangla University have already been established and functioning in Chitral. In this regard survey has been conducted in Balochistan and Punjab. Replying to the query of Senator Khalida Parveen, it was informed that the HEC was considering to establish sub-campuses of Allama Iqbal Open University and Virtual University in South Punjab especially in D.G. Khan.

11. The Federal Secretary Education requested for a special package on higher education for Balochistan. Senator Abdul Rauf agreed with the proposal of Federal Secretary for Education and asked whether there was any proposal under consideration of the Government to establish more universities in Balochistan in the coming years. The Secretary Federal Education replied that government has a plan to establish universities each at Sibi, Naseerabad and Turbat. He informed that if calm and peaceful atmosphere exists, Ministry of Education was ready to establish universities in Pasheen and Qila Abdullah as well. Senator Rubina Irfan offered to the HEC that she is ready to give a piece of land free of cost to any organization/institution to establish a University in Qalat, Balochistan. The Chairman, HEC, requested the Senator to give her offer in black and white so that further necessary action may be taken accordingly.

Agenda Item No.(ii)

12. The Chairman, HEC, informed the Committee that under the initiative of Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package, a project for grant of scholarship to the students of Balochistan was approved in 2011. In 2013, 214 students were awarded scholarship for attaining education at foreign and local educational institutions, 82 and 132 respectively. He further informed that prior to this, a similar project was approved in 2007 with a cost of Rs.981.486 million. Under which total 1200 scholarships were awarded to the students of Balochistan and 800 scholarships were awarded to the students of FATA during the period 2008-12. The Chairman apprised the Committee that for this purpose, HEC has established development offices in each university where students apply for the grant of scholarships. Since there is no university in FATA, therefore, the boarding students from FATA who are studying at various universities in different

parts of the country would be paid/reimbursed hostel dues as well, he added. The Chairman informed the Committee that the HEC has started a fund raising programme for granting scholarship to needy students. In this regards, philanthropists have been requested to give scholarship to universities. Upon a question by Senator Robina Irfan regarding criteria for award of scholarship, the Chairman replied that scholarships are being granted to the students of Bachelor and Master level only and students below graduation are not eligible. Senator Robina Irfan pointed out that as there is a lot of poverty in Balochistan, students of that area leave their studies at initial level. She, therefore, suggested that scholarship to the students of Balochistan may be given at Matric and F.A. level also. The Chairman told the Committee that Secondary education is a provincial subject, however, he will take up this issue with the Government of Balochistan.

13. The Chairman Committee asked about the composition of Scholarship Management Committee. The Chairman HEC informed the Committee that the following persons are the members of the SMC:-

- i) Representative of four Provinces.
- ii) Representative of Ministry of Finance.
- iii) Representative of Ministry of Planning & Development.
- iii) Representative of Ministry of Federal Education & Professional Training.

14. During discussion about the scholars who are granted scholarships to study abroad, The Chairman Committee asked if those scholars are bound to serve in their respective areas after completion of their study program. The Chairman, HEC, replied that there is no restriction on those scholars to serve in a specific area. The Committee recommended that the scholars who are awarded foreign scholarship must serve in their native province after completion of their studies. The Committee also recommended that the government should increase budget allocation for the education sector from 2% to 6% of the GDP.

15. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan asked a question about the criteria of the distribution of scholarships among different universities of the country. The Chairman, HEC, informed that the scholarships are given on the basis of provincial quota. Whereas, scholarships sponsored by foreign donors are given on merit, directly by the concerned universities, he added.

Agenda item No. (iii).

16. The Chairman, HEC, while briefing the Committee on the agenda item said that scholarships for the students of less developed areas are advertised in regional and National Newspapers. He informed that information about the scholarships can be accessed from HEC website and the same is circulated to the concerned universities and HEC Regional Centers also. He apprised the Committee that the HEC is planning to hold seminars in the less developed areas to create awareness in the students about scholarships. He further apprised that the HEC is also planning to launch Radio Channel, call centre and web based channel to publicize scholarship program in the less developed areas of country.

Agenda items No. (iv).

17. The Chairman, HEC, apprised the Committee that the HEC has awarded overseas and indigenous scholarships and financial assistance to 34690 students out of which 2297 students belong to Balochistan including 152 overseas, 1286 indigenous and 859 on need basis. 917 scholarships were awarded to students belonging to FATA and 96 to the students of Gilgit-Baltistan. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan asked about the percentage of share of scholarships for FATA and Gilgit Baltistan. The Chairman informed the Committee that since 2011, the HEC has been observing 6% quota of the scholarships for Gilgit-Baltistan and 4% for FATA.

Agenda items No. (v).

18. The Chairman, HEC, briefed the Committee on provision of Laptops under the Prime Minister's Laptop and Fee re-imburement schemes for the young and bright students/scholars of M.Phil., M.S., MBA, LLM or equivalent studying in different public sector universities at local level. The Students of Masters level or above from FATA and the Ph.D. scholars are allowed to benefit from the scheme in all over the Country. He informed the Committee that the scheme was not area, region or province specific. Since the students in Balochistan and FATA have to come to major cities for higher education, therefore, It was agreed in the meeting that during the next year project, accommodation would be provided to the needy students of degree colleges of Balochistan and FATA.

19. Replying to a question of the Chairman Committee regarding scholars of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, the Chairman, HEC, informed the Committee that distance education is not covered under this program. However, those 61 scholars who are studying in the campuses on regular basis will be given Laptops, he said. It was further informed that the HEC will try to give laptops to all scholars of Ph.D. and M.Phil. in AIU from next year. He briefed the Committee that the HEC has started smart university system in 7 universities in the country on trial basis where Wi-Fi facility is being given free of cost to the students. In the next 4 years all universities in the country will be provided with such facility.

Agenda Item No.6

20. Briefing the Committee on the details of Prime Minister's fee reimbursement scheme for the students of less developed areas including FATA and Gilgit Baltistan, the Chairman, HEC, said that initially this program was started for students of Balochistan, Gilgit Baltistan and FATA, but now its scope has been extended for local domicile holders of less developed areas of Pakistan. Under this program, tuition fee and other mandatory dues charged by the respective education institutions are being reimbursed to the students on need basis. He gave details of the program for financial year 2012-13. According to which 11100 students belong to Balochistan have been reimbursed Rs.193 million; in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including FATA, 8086 students have been reimbursed Rs.46 million. Rs. 75million to 5673 students of Sindh; Rs.363 million to 13555 students of Punjab; Rs.18 million to 371students of Islamabad; and Rs. 18 million to the 3279 & 2250 students of AJK and Gilgit Baltistan respectively.

21. At this juncture, different questions were put by the Honourable Members of the Committee regarding mechanism of the reimbursement the fee and other dues which were effectively replied by the Chairman, HEC. The Committee recommended to the HEC that fee reimbursement facility should be extended to the students at the time of admission.

22. After detailed discussion the Committee recommended as follows:-
- i) The Government should increase education budget to 6 % of the GDP.
 - ii). The students who have been awarded foreign scholarships should be bound to serve in their respective Provinces after completion of their studies abroad.
 - iii). Fee reimbursement facility should be extended to the students at the time of admission.
 - iv) The Chairman HEC should take up the issue of award of scholarships with the Government of Balochistan to the student of Matric and F.A level.
23. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

(Malik Arshad Iqbal)
Secretary Committee

(Senator Muhammad Yousaf Badini)
Chairman