

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: SECOND INTERIM REPORT OF THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE MARGINALIZED SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY.

In pursuance of rule 24 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the senate 2012, the Honorable Chairman Senate in consultation with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition was pleased to constitute the Special Committee relating to Marginalized Segments of the Society with a view to make recommendations and furnish a progress report to the House after every two months.

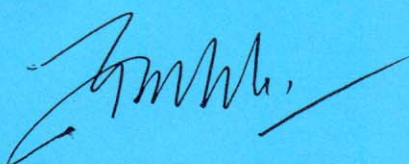
2. The composition of the Special Committee is as follows:

• Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan	Convener
• Senator Rubina Irfan	Member
• Senator Sassui Palijo	Member
• Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
• Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
• Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
• Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
• Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
• Senator Sitara Ayaz	Member
• Senator Samina Abid	Member
• Senator Saud Majid	Member
• Zafar Ullah Khan Dhandla	Member

3. The Committee held its second meeting on 28th October, 2016 under the Chairmanship of Senator Nisar Muhammad.

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

- i) Follow-up of the recommendations of the Special Committee in its meeting held on 7th October, 2016.
- ii. Ministry of PD& Reforms may brief the Special Committee about the overall stats of marginalized segments of society in the country with particular reference to this Special Committee's meeting held on 7th October, 2016.



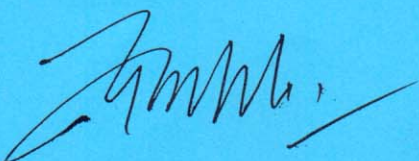
- iii. Briefing to be given by Pakistan Bait-Ul-Mal regarding its overall functions and performance during the last five years.
- iv. Briefing to be given by BISP regarding its overall functions and performance during the last five years.
- v. Briefing to be given by the Ministry of Finance about the status of funding for the uplift of marginalized segments of society in the country.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

4. Pursuant to its strategy, the Committee invited the Ministry of PD&R, PBM, BISP and Ministry of Finance to give briefing pertaining to respective agenda item. During the course of briefing it was observed that no advisable mechanize/guideline was mentioned in the Report/Briefing of Ministry of PD&R. The Committee expressed its resentment over such a irresponsible behaviour of the Ministry. However, the briefings made by the representatives of PBM, BISP and Ministry of Finance were convincing. The Committee urged upon its earlier proposal regarding establishing of separate Ministry to address the problems of marginalized segments of the society.

5. After hearing all the stakeholders, following observations were made;-

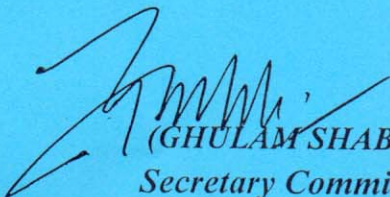
- Briefing of the Ministry of PD&R was totally declined to the agenda item. No policy/guideline was chalked out to categorize the marginalized segments of the society.
- No data of marginalized segments was available with the Ministry.
- Detail of expenditure incurred on welfare of marginalized segments during the last three was not provided.
- Lack of coordination between the Federal and Provincial Governments was observed on the subject issue.
- No programme was under consideration with BPM for the people residing in far flung areas of the country.
- No proper mechanism was available with BISP to identify the non deserving peoples as well as recovery of delivered amount and penalty in case of fake registration.
- Some short comings were observed in the data of BISP which was required to updated to make it 100% transparent and reliable.

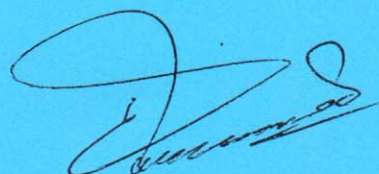
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6. After detailed discussion, following recommendations were made;-
- i. Compliance report in respect of recommendations made by committee in its meeting held on 07.10.2016 be provided in the next meeting.
 - ii. The M/o PD&R should submit the categories of Marginalized Segments of Society, imitative for their assistance and the programmes to give them respectable status in the society alongwith detail of expenditure made in last five (05) years on all such programmes.
 - iii. The Committee appreciated the performance of PBM & recognized the role of Finance Division on 100% increase in budget of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall during current year 2016-17.
 - iv. The Committee urged upon MD PBM, to span their network to far flung areas of the country by focusing the rehabilitation of disable persons, women empowerment and persons suffering from Cronic ailment persons.
 - v. The Committee appreciated the efforts of present Chairperson (BISP) to boost-up the efficiency of their mega project. The committee urged upon the Chairperson to update the data by adopting biometric system and ensure transparency in distribution of stipend by using new technology. The data should be shared with other willing organizations in the public interest.
 - vi. The Finance Division should ensure the allocation of sufficient funds in respect of all support programmes well in time to avoid any hurdle in its smooth functioning

7. Though the Ministry of Finance, PBM and BISP are performing their significant roll to provide financial assistance to the needy peoples of the country yet the Committee directed the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms to formulate a clear cut policy/guideline to categorize the marginalized segments and prepared 100% reliable country wide data of such segments in coordination with the Provincial Governments, NADRA and BISP to go ahead for their betterment.


(GHULAM SHABBIR)
Secretary Committee


(SENATOR NISAR MUHAMMAD)
Convener