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ON

"THE PROBLEMS BEING FACED BY THE USF COMPANY IN EXECUTION OF ITS PROJECTS IN THE PROVINCES OF BALOCHISTAN, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA AND FATA"

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I, Senator Shahi Syed, Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Information Technology & Telecommunications, have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on "the problems being faced by the USF Company in execution of their projects in the Provinces of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA.".

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given as under:-

1.	Senator Shahi Syed	Chairman
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
4.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
5.	Senator Najma Hameed	Member
6.	Senator Gianchand	Member
7.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
8.	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
9.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
10.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
11.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
13.	Minister of State for I.T. & Telecom.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Standing Committee in its meeting held on 27th September, 2016, was briefed about the projects launched by USF in FATA and other less developed areas of the country during the last year. During the course of the meeting, the Minister of State for I.T. & Telecom stated that the USF as well as Mobile Phone Operators were facing grave difficulties in execution of their projects in various parts of the Provinces of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA due to intervention by local influential people, for launching of projects/installation of mobile phone towers at their owned lands. In case of denial, the USF Company/Mobile Operators were being threatened. She also highlighted that various mobile phone towers have been blown by extremists in the Province of Balochistan. She further shared details of problems being faced by USF Company in areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA regions.