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**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**



Report No.5

**FIFTH INTERIM REPORT OF THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE RELATING TO MARGINALIZED
SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY**

PRESENTED BY

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SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: **FIFTH INTERIM REPORT OF THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE MARGINALIZED SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY**

In pursuance of rule 204 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:

1. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan	Convener
2. Senator RubinaIrfan	Member
3. Senator SassuiPalijo	Member
4. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
5. Senator Muhammad TalhaMehmood	Member
6. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Member
7. Senator SajjadHussainTuri	Member
8. Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Member
9. Senator SitaraAyaz	Member
10. Senator SaminaAbid	Member
11. Senator Saud Majid	Member
12. Senator ZafarUllah Khan Dhandla	Member

3. The Committee held its meeting on 12th June, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Senator Nisar Muhammad.

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The agenda before the Committee was as under:-

- i. **Presentation on District wise poverty profile of the provinces including marginalized groups by the Ministry of Planning and Development.**
- ii. **The efforts undertaken by the Federal Government in addressing the financial difficulties being confronted by the terrorist effectees as well as families of the terrorists including the details of total budget allocated and spent for the purpose during the last three years by the Federal Government.**

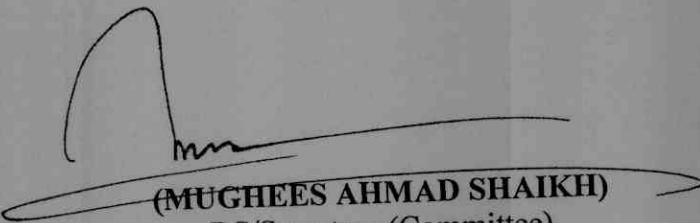
4. The Committee obtained a detailed briefing by the Ministry of Planning and Development pertaining to the District-wise poverty profile of the Provinces alongwith the concept of Multidimensional Poverty Index(MPI). The Committee was also presented the performance and comparison of best and least performing Districts throughout the country in terms of poverty. The Committee was of the view that poverty and economic empowerment were directly related and that until and unless jobs/income generation sources were created the poverty could not be alleviated. The Secretary, Planning & Development replied that the PSDP projects are aimed at creating jobs and so is the instant PSDP. The Committee generally appreciated the report titled Multidimensional Poverty in Pakistan developed by the Ministry of Planning & Development however it raised certain concerns with regards to the efforts of the Government / P&D in terms of PSDP projects especially in Balochistan, KPK and FATA.


5. Furthermore the Committee was also briefed by the Finance Division and Secretary , Finance FATA regarding the efforts undertaken by the Government in addressing the financial difficulties being confronted by the terrorism affectees as well as their families. The Committee expressed serious reservations over the limited disbursement of funds for the shuhadas and terrorism affectees and recommended that more efforts should be made for enhancing the allocation to reasonable extent in order to support both the terrorism affectees and the left over families of the terrorists. Accordingly the Committee recommended that out of BISP annual allocation of Rs. 120 Billion, the Government should at least divert rupees five billion for shuhadas and terrorism affectees initially which may later be enhanced in order to cater the needs and requirements of livelihood of these families. The Committee recommended for increasing the Financial Assistance for the reconstruction of damaged & partially damaged houses in FATA as a result of terrorist activities.

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6. The Committee after detailed deliberations on the agenda items made following recommendations:

- i. The Committee recommended for the compilation of category wise data of Marginalized Segments in the country.
- ii. The Committee recommended that allocation amongst the Provinces/Districts should be rationalized and must be based upon their respective ratio of poverty so that it is ensured that the Provinces/Districts get the required level of funding necessary to alleviate and reduce poverty.
- iii. The Committee recommended for formulating a mechanism for rationalized and justified resource allocation to these Provinces/Districts for overcoming poverty and directed for building a criterion for the Prime Minister's discretionary allocation/funding in the annual PSDP.
- iv. The Committee greatly urged for enhancing the funding of bomb blast victims and recommended for diverting at least Rs. 5 Billion initially out of the BISP annual allocation amounting to Rs. 120 Billion.
- v. The Committee recommended for increasing the Financial Assistance for the reconstruction of damaged & partially damaged houses in FATA as a result of terrorist activities.
- vi. The Committee decided to visit to Chitraland Gawader after Eid.
- vii. The National Commission on Transgendersbe invited for briefing in the next meeting.


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DS/Secretary (Committee)


(SENATOR NISAR MUHAMMAD KHAN)
Convener of the Special Committee Relating to the
Marginalized Segments of Society