

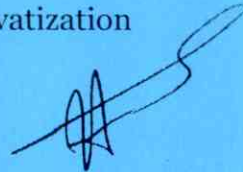
SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, STATISTICS AND PRIVATIZATION ON A RESOLUTION MOVED BY SENATOR SASSUI PALIJO ON 29TH FEBRUARY, 2016

I, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the subject matter of a Resolution moved by Senator Sassui Palijo on 29th February, 2016, recommending the Government to ensure representation of Sindh, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA in the Board of Functional Members and Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in order to hold an equitable and transparent population census- 2016, referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

(1)	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
(2)	Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour	Member
(3)	Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
(4)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
(5)	Senator Nasreen Jalil	Member
(6)	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
(7)	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
(8)	Senator Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
(9)	Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
(10)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
(11)	Senator Saud Majeed	Member
(12)	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
(13)	Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization	Ex-Officio-member

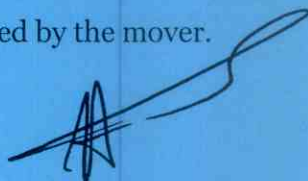


3. The Committee discussed the matter in its meetings held on 17th March, 28th April, and 24th August, 2016, respectively. The last meeting was attended by the following:-

(1) Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
(2) Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
(3) Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
(4) Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
(5) Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
(6) Senator Sassui Palijo	Mover

4. The Chairman Committee briefed the members that in pursuance of the decision of the Committee taken in its meeting held on 28-04-2016, a separate meeting was held with the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) in the presence of Senator Sassui Palijo (mover) to discuss the matter in detail and it was informed by the PBS that as per the General Statistics (Re-organization) Act, 2011, the appointments of members of the Governing Council of PBS headed by the Finance Minister were made by the Federal Government. Although the representation of all the provinces was not provided in the law initially, however, after raising the issue in Parliament, the representations of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan were also made and now the council had representation from all the provinces. Furthermore, the rules of Governing Council had been drafted and were submitted for approval of the Finance Minister, whereas, the previous rules of Population Census Organization were held in abeyance due to its merger with the PBS and new service rules were also under submission to the Government.

5. The Chairman Committee informed that in light of the reservations expressed by the mover, regarding making PBS an autonomous body, representation from all the provinces with mutual consensus in both the Governing Council and Functional Members of PBS, recruitments/appointments made in the PBS, service rules for PBS as well as Governing Council and Functional Members, it was decided that the Committee may recommend to the House that a Special Committee representing all the political parties may be constituted by the House to look into the issues/reservations expressed by the mover.



6. After detailed deliberations, the Committee disposed of the matter and made the following recommendations:-

- The Senate of Pakistan may consider to refer the matter to the Committee of the Whole;

OR

- May constitute a Special Committee, representing all the political parties present in the House for in-depth consideration of the following issues in order to hold an equitable and transparent Population Census in the country:-

- (a) to make Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) as an autonomous body;
- (b) to give representation from all provinces in both the Governing Council and Functional Members of PBS; and
- (c) framing of pending service rules of PBS as well as Governing Council and Functional Members.

7. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of this report to the House.



(MUHAMMAD TAHIR KHAN)
Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA)
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad, the
17th August, 2016.