

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS AND INTER-FAITH HARMONY

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING
THE UTILIZATION OF ZAKAT FUNDS FOR
EDUCATION AND HEALTH SECTOR AND DETAIL
SHOWING DISBURSEMENT OF THOSE FUNDS IN
FATA, RAISED BY SENATOR MIRZA
MUHAMMAD AFRIDI IN THE HOUSE IN ITS
SITTING HELD ON 15TH MAY, 2018

Report No.1

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MOLANA ABDUL GHAFOOR HAIDERI
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Religious Affairs And Inter-Faith Harmony, have the honour to present the report on the Point of Public Importance regarding the utilization of Zakat Funds for education and health sector and detail showing disbursement of those funds in FATA, raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi in the House in its sitting held on 15th May, 2018 and referred by the House to the Standing Committee on Religious Affairs And Inter-Faith Harmony for consideration and report thereof.

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

1.	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
2.	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
3.	Senator Keshoo Bai	Member
4.	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
5.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
6.	Senator Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Member
7.	Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
8.	Federal Minister of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony	Ex-Officio Member

3. The matter was taken up for consideration in the Committee meeting held on 16th Oct, 2018 at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 1, Parliament House, Islamabad.

4. The Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs And Inter-Faith Harmony, apprised the Committee that the collection and distribution of Zakat is carried out in accordance with the Zakat and Usher Ordinance, 1980. According to which the Zakat is assessed and collected in the Central Zakat Fund and distributed as per the share of each Province as determined by the CCI. However, he said that post devolution the Zakat collected is disbursed to the respective Provinces which distribute it accordingly. He added that w.e.f 07-12-2010, Central Zakat Council has ceased to exist. The Committee was informed that out of the consolidated fund accumulated, 7% rests with the Federation, 57.36% Punjab, 23.71%, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



13.82% and 5.11 % to Balochistan. The share of Federation also includes that of Gilgit Baltistan & FATA. In reply to a query, the Committee was informed that the reasons for non-distribution of Health & Education Funds from Zakat to FATA was the absence of FATA Zakat Council. However, within this time the merger of FATA took place which further stalled the process. He further added that since there is a transition time for merger of FATA in KPK, therefore, a summary has been moved to the Governor, KPK for reformulation/ revival of FATA Zakat Council, so that the funds are not lapsed. The Committee recommended the Ministry that subject to provision in the constitutional amendment related to merger of FATA in KPK, efforts be made for ensuring that the Zakat-funds are disbursed to the deserving/oppressed people of FATA, prior to the end of current financial year.

5. The Committee recommended the Ministry that subject to Constitutional provision amendment related to merger of FATA in KPK, efforts be made for ensuring that the Zakat-funds are disbursed to the deserving/oppressed people of FATA, prior to the end of current financial year.



(MUGHEES AHMAD SHAIKH)
Secretary (Committee)



(SENATOR MOLANA ABDUL GHAFUOR HAIDERI)
Chairman (Committee)