

# REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS



House of the Federation

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DELIMITATION BY THE ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN IN  
BALOCHISTAN PROVINCE" AND REFERRED BY THE CHAIRMAN  
SENATE FOR CONSIDERATION AND REPORT

*Presented by:*

SENATOR TAJ HAIDER  
Chairman

Senate Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

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## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Taj Haider, Chairman Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs has the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on a Point Of Public Importance raised by Senator Danesh Kumar in the sitting of Senate held on 09th June, 2022 regarding "The Delimitation By The Election Commission Of Pakistan In Balochistan Province" and referred by the Chairman Senate for consideration and report.

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

1. <b>Senator Taj Haider</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar <i>Leader of the House</i>	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
4. Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member
5. Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
6. Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
7. Senator Hilal ur Rehman	Member
8. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
9. Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
10. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
11. Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
12. Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
13. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokar	Member
14. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio-Member

3. The Committee took up the issue in its meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 which was attended by the following members:

i) <b>Senator Taj Haider</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
ii) Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
iii) Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem	Member
iv) Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
v) Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
vi) Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
vii) Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
viii) Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
ix) Senator Danesh Kumar	Mover
x) Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai	Special Invitee
xi) Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Special Invitee
xii) Senator Muhammad Akram	Special Invitee
xiii) Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar	Special Invitee
xiv) Senator Naseebullah Bazai	Special Invitee
xv) Senator Sana Jamali	Special Invitee
xvi) Mr. Muhammad Hashim Notezai, MNA	Special Invitee
xvii) Mr. Ehsanullah Reki, MNA	Special Invitee



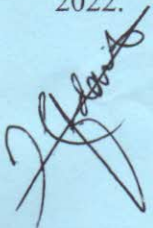
4. Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), commenced briefing on the agenda item to the Committee. Secretary ECP stated that under Articles 51 and 106 of the Constitution ECP is mandated to delimit the National and Provincial Assembly Constituencies. Accordingly, ECP initiated the delimitation exercise afresh in accordance with the number of seats in National Assembly and Provincial Assemblies as specified in Article 51 and 106 of the Constitution based on the officially published final results by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on the 6<sup>th</sup> Population Census, 2017.

5. The Committee inquired that in light of the decision of the Council of Common Interest (CCI) in its 49<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2022, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) is required to complete the 7<sup>th</sup> Population and Housing Census by December, 2022 and thereafter the result of the 7<sup>th</sup> Census will be handed over to the Election Commission of Pakistan for delimitation for the next General Elections to be held in 2023.

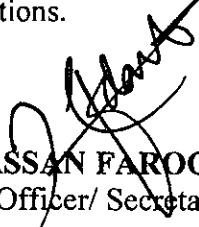
6. Secretary, ECP apprised the Committee that ECP had asked the Government to confirm the date for completion of New 7<sup>th</sup> Population Census as ECP can only carry out the delimitation activity based on the new Census if it's completed by 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022. However, no reply was received from the Government and it is expected that the new 7<sup>th</sup> Census is expected to be completed in the next year. Consequently, after detailed deliberations Election Commission of Pakistan decided to carry out the delimitation activity based on the final results of 6<sup>th</sup> Census of 2017 notified by PBS on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 and ECP thereafter published Preliminary report on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022.

7. The Mover of agenda and the Special Invitees apprised the Committee that the General Election of 2018 was based upon the delimitation done vide the Census conducted in 2017, however the new preliminary list of constituencies published by ECP according to the final result of 2017 Census notified in May by PBS has resulted in constituencies in Balochistan province that are different then the constituencies formed in the General Election of 2018. The Committee showed serious concern on the new delimitation process and inquired the reasons for changes in the new preliminary list of constituencies published by ECP when the population data had not been changed.

8. Secretary, ECP apprised the Committee that as per the final results published by PBS the population of Balochistan Province is 12,1335,129 with total number of General Seats for National Assembly is 16 and for Provincial Assembly of Balochistan is 51 seats. In National Assembly constituencies, 32 different districts of Balochistan Province have been clubbed to cater share per seat and 06 Districts of Balochistan Province have been clubbed for Provincial Assembly constituencies. Moreover, ECP on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2022, has published Preliminary report on delimitation along with Form-5 with draft list of constituencies and also uploaded the same with marked and un-marked maps of National Assembly and Provincial Assembly constituencies on its website as well for the convenience of general public. Secretary, ECP, further apprised that as per rule 12 of the Elections Act, 2017, representations on the delimitation-2022 can be filed before ECP from 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 and ECP will dispose of such representations till 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.



9. The Committee, thereafter, disposed of the said agenda item on point of public importance raised by Senator Danesh Kumar in the sitting of Senate held on 09<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 and referred by the Chairman Senate to this Committee and recommended that in case a new Census is not completed within deadline then the ECP will carry out delimitation based on the 6<sup>th</sup> Census of 2017 and carry out delimitation and keep constituencies for the General Elections of 2023 analogous/ similar to the constituencies created for the General Elections of 2018 except minor deviations.



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**(SENATOR TAJ HAIDER)**  
Chairman

Senate Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs

Islamabad, the  
23th June, 2022.