

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN



PERIODICAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS (SAFRON)

FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JANUARY 2019 TO 30th JUNE 2019

Presented by
MR. SAJID KHAN
CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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REGIONS (SAFRON)**

I, the Chairman of Standing Committee on States & Frontier Regions (SAFRON) have the honour to present the Periodical Report of the Committee under Rule 234-A, of the Rules of Procedure & Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007 for the period from 1st January, 2019 to 30th June, 2019.

2. The Committee consists of the following:-

1)	Mr. Sajid Khan	Chairman
2)	Mr. Saleh Muhammad	Member
3)	Mr. Shahid Ahmed	Member
4)	Mr. Gul Dad Khan	Member
5)	Mr. Gul Zafar Khan	Member
6)	Mr. Mohammad Iqbal Khan	Member
7)	Sardar Muhammad khan Leghari	Member
8)	Mr. Abdul Shakoor Shad	Member
9)	Ms. Aliya Hamza Malik	Member
10)	Nawabzada Shah Zain Bugti	Member
11)	Syed Iftikhar Ul Hassan	Member
12)	Mr. Waheed Alam Khan	Member
13)	Mr. Muhammad Afzal Khokhar	Member
14)	Mr. Alam Dad Laleka	Member
15)	Chaudry Muhammad Ashraf	Member
16)	Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi	Member
17)	Pir Noor Muhammad Shah Jeelani	Member
18)	Mr. Muhammad Jamal Ud Din	Member
19)	Mr. Ali Wazir	Member
20)	Shehryar Khan Afridi Minister of State for States and Frontier Regions	Ex-officio Member

Mr. Walayat Khan

Secretary Committee

Note:

The following change was made in the composition of the Committee during the said period:-

Chaudhary Salik Hussain

Member excluded on 22-06-2019

3. On 1st January, 2019, no Bill/matter referred by the National Assembly/Honorable Speaker was pending before the Committee.

4. The Committee held the following meetings:-

S.No	Date & Venue of meeting	Attendance of MNAs	Agenda
1.	05.03.2019 at 03:00 p.m in Committee Room No. 2, Parliament House, Islamabad	10 Members attended the meeting including Chief Whip	i) Election of Chairman.
2.	20.03.2019 at 11:00 a.m in Committee Room of old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad	09 Members attended the meeting including the Hon. Chairman	i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 5 th March 2019; ii) Comprehensive briefing on departmental structure and working of the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) and its Attached Departments; and iii) Any other item with permission of the Chair.
3.	10.04.2019 at 11:00 a.m in Committee Room of Ministry of States and Frontier Regions, Islamabad	10 Members attended the meeting including the Hon. Chairman	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 20 th March, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Comprehensive briefing by the Secretary, Home Department & Tribal Affairs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the steps being taken with regard to the future status and career planning of the Khasadar and Lavy Forces; iv) Briefing by the Secretary P & D and Deputy Commissioners of all Tribal Districts Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding consultation with Parliamentarians / MNAs from erstwhile FATA for identification of development schemes of Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA), as there is no representation from erstwhile FATA in Provincial Assembly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; and v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.
4.	21.05.2019 at 11:00 a.m in Committee Room of old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad	09 Members attended the meeting including the Hon. Chairman	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 10 th April, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Briefing by Secretary, P&D and Deputy Commissioners of South Waziristan and North Waziristan Districts (erstwhile FATA) on the distribution/utilization of funds for the current financial year Annual Development Programme (ADP); iv) Briefing by the Secretary, Higher Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on the steps being taken for promotion of education in newly merged Districts of the erstwhile FATA as well as doubling of quota seats for students of the erstwhile FATA in different disciplines in various colleges/universities across the country as announced by the previous Federal Government; and v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.

5. The Performance of the Committee with reference to the said meetings is detailed below:-

S. No	Date/Agenda	Recommendations	Remarks
1.	05.03.2019 Election of Chairman, Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions	Mr. Sajid Khan, MNA elected as Chairman of the Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions.	
2.	20.03.2019 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 5 th March, 2019		Confirmed
	Comprehensive briefing on departmental structure and working of the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) and its Attached Departments.	The Committee recommended that Secretary, Home department and Tribal Affairs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee on the steps that are being taken with regard to the future status and career planning of the Khasadar and Lavy Forces.	Awaited
		The Committee directed to the Secretary Administration, Mian Muhammad erstwhile FATA Secretariat to provide the budget details allocated and released alongwith schemes to erstwhile FATA for the Financial Year 2018-19 to the Honorable Members of the Committee for their information.	Complied
3.	10.04.2019 Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 20 th March, 2019		Confirmed
	Comprehensive briefing by the Secretary, Home Department & Tribal Affairs of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for the steps being taken with regard to the future status and career planning of the Khasadar and Lavy Forces.	The Committee recommended that IGP Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Secretary Home Department & Tribal Affairs would be invited in the next meeting for briefing the Committee on the future status and restructuring of the Khasadar and lavy force after absorption in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police	Awaited
		The Committee recommended that the Government should release the salaries of the khasadar force of South Waziristan and North Waziristan Districts on immediate basis and resolve the opening of their bank accounts for computerization of their salaries in amicable way.	Complied

	<p>Briefing by the Secretary P & D and Deputy Commissioners of all Tribal Districts Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding consultation with Parliamentarians / MNAs from erstwhile FATA for identification of development schemes of Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA), as there is no representation from erstwhile FATA in Provincial Assembly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;</p>	<p>The Committee strongly recommended that the letter No.SO.III/CMS/KPK/4-1/2018/P&D/21992-93 dated 6th December, 2018 issued by the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding site identification of new development schemes of merged areas for ADP 2018-19 may be restored and the letter No.SO.III/CMS/KPK/4-1/2018/P&D/1498-100 dated 8th February, 2019 may be withdrawn with immediate effect.</p>	<p>Reply awaited</p>
		<p>It was also recommended that the Committee would hold meetings with the Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Secretaries concerned at the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Peshawar to brief the Committee on the steps being taken for mainstreaming of erstwhile FATA.</p>	<p>Reply awaited</p>
		<p>Mr. Ajmal Khan Wazir, Advisor to Chief Minister for Supervision and Coordination of merged districts and spokesperson of the Provincial Government, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will also be invited in the next meetings to brief the Committee on ten years Development Plan for merged districts (erstwhile FATA).</p>	<p>Awaited</p>
		<p>The Secretary, Secondary Education Department also be invited in the next meeting for briefing on the steps are being taken for promotion of Education in merged districts as well as double of quota seats for FATA students in different disciplines in various colleges/ universities.</p>	<p>Complied</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>21.05.2019</u> Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 10th April, 2019</p>		<p>Confirmed</p>
	<p>Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee;</p>	<p>The Committee discussed the issues being faced by the Khasadar and Lavy Forces after merging in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police regarding their proper posting and service structure and law and order situation in erstwhile FATA in detail and decided that Secretary, Home and Tribal Affairs Department and I.G.P. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police would be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee over the issues being</p>	<p>Awaited</p>

		<p>faced by the said forces.</p> <p>The issue of alleged sale and purchase of development schemes and irregularities in awarding contract of development schemes in erstwhile FATA also came under discussion and the Committee expressed its great concern and appointed a Sub-Committee with the following composition and ToR:- <u>Composition:-</u> 1. Mr. Gul Dad Khan Convener 2. Mr. Gul Zafar Khan Member 3. Mr. Sajid Hussian Turi Member 4. Mr. Ali Wazir Member</p> <p><u>ToR:-</u> “To probe into the alleged sale and purchase of development schemes in erstwhile FATA as raised during meeting and to recommend steps to ensure transparency and curb corrupt practices in awarding contract of development schemes.</p>	<p>Sub-Committee appointed and the report not yet finalized</p>
	<p>Briefing by Secretary, P&D and Deputy Commissioners of South Waziristan and North Waziristan Districts (erstwhile FATA) on the distribution/utilization of funds for the current financial year Annual Development Programme (ADP);</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that the Committee would visit and hold meeting with the Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for having briefing on the proposed Development Schemes in Merged Districts before the forthcoming budget at the Chief Minister’s Secretariat, Peshawar. The Principle Secretary, Chief Minister’s Secretariat is requested to intimate suitable date & time well before the announcement of budget so that the recommendations of the Members of the Committee could be included in the said budget.</p>	<p>Reply awaited</p>
	<p>Briefing by the Secretary, Higher Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on the steps being taken for promotion of education in newly merged Districts of the erstwhile FATA as well as doubling of quota seats for students of the erstwhile FATA in different disciplines in various colleges/universities across the country as announced by the previous Federal Government;</p>	<p>The Committee recommended to the Secretary, Higher Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to make functional all the colleges in the merged districts on immediate basis.</p>	<p>Reply awaited</p>
		<p>The Committee recommended that the proposed university campuses in Merged Districts may be affiliated with the nearest universities instead of affiliation with the FATA University.</p>	<p>Being implemented</p>

6. The performance of Sub-Committee is detailed below:-

Date of appointment/ composition	ToRs	Date/Venue of meeting	Recommendations/Report
21.05.2019 i) Mr. Gul Dad Khan, Convener ii) Mr. Gul Zafar Khan Member iii) Mr. Sajid Hussian Turi, Member iv) Mr. Ali Wazir Member	“To probe into the alleged sale and purchase of development schemes in erstwhile FATA as raised during meeting and to recommend steps to ensure transparency and curb corrupt practices in awarding contract of development schemes.”	21.06.2019 at 02:30 p.m in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad	The meeting was deferred due to non presence of the Honorable Member Mr. Ali Wazir, MNA at meeting as he was in custody of the Law Enforcement Agencies.

7. On 30th June, 2019, no Bill/matter referred by the National Assembly/ Honorable Speaker was pending before the Committee.

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 20th August, 2019

Sd/-
(SAJID KHAN)
Chairman
Standing Committee on States & Frontier Regions