

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN



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

FOR THE PERIOD FROM
1st JANUARY 2020 TO 30th JUNE 2020

Presented by
MR. SAJID KHAN
CHAIRMAN

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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I, Chairman of the 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, 2020 to 30th June, 2020.

2. The Committee comprises 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)	Sahabzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan Minister for States and Frontier Regions	Ex-officio Member

Mr. Walayat Khan

Secretary Committee

Note:

No change was made in the composition of Committee during the said period.

3. On 1st January, 2020, 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.	<u>23.01.2020</u> at 10:30 a.m. in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad	12 Members including Chairman attended the meeting	i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 24 th December, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Comprehensive briefing by the Secretary, Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on the steps being taken by the Government of KP relating to the distribution of Zakat and Ushr in the Merged Districts (Erstwhile FATA), especially on the following points:- a) Organizational structure including details of employees (both regular and contract); b) Distribution setup, eligibility criteria and procedure for Zakat and Ushr; c) System of management, monitoring and audit etc; and iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.
2.	<u>24.02.2020</u> 11:00 a.m. in Committee Room of Ministry of States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON) second floor, "S" Block, Pak-Secretariat, Islamabad	11 Members including Chairman attended the meeting	i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 23 rd January 2020; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Secretary, Planning & Development Department and Secretary, Communication & Works Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to brief the Committee on the ongoing /proposed development projects / schemes in the Merged Districts; iv) To discuss the status of schemes submitted by Communication & Works Department, Planning & Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and DC South Waziristan alongwith Director Agriculture South Waziristan under Farm to Market Roads by neglecting the 98% of the whole South Waziristan fruits and vegetables generating farms situated in Wana, Birmal and Zarmilan Areas; 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.	<u>23.01.2020</u> i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 24 th		Confirmed

	<p>December, 2019;</p> <p>ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee;</p>	<p>i) The Committee directed the Secretary M/o SAFRON to personally look into the matter and contact with the Government of Balochistan regarding the doubling of quota seats in the Medical Colleges of Balochistan on immediate basis in order to implement the Cabinet decision made in its meeting held on 2nd March, 2017 in letter and spirit and complete the admission process without any further delay.</p> <p>ii) The Members of the Committee raised their serious concern on not finalizing/uploading the merit list of the eligible candidates after having sufficient time by the HEC and directed the Project Director, HEC to finalize and upload the merit list without any further delay and submit back report to the Committee.</p> <p>iii) The Committee further directed the Secretary PMC to extend the date of admission from 30th January, 2020 to 20th February, 2020 in the Medical/Dental Colleges for Ex-FATA students as requested by the Deputy Secretary, Home and Tribal Affairs Department and Project Director, HEC.</p> <p>iv) It was further pointed out that the PMC has given its approval for allocation of seats only for this current session 2019-20 while approval was required for further 10 years i.e. up to 2029. In this regard the Committee directed the Secretary, Pakistan Medical Commission to revise the earlier notification issued by the PMC and allocate the doubling quota seats for Ex-FATA students up to 2029 so that the same issue may not arise next year.</p>	<p>Complied.</p> <p>Complied.</p> <p>Complied.</p> <p>Compliance</p>
	<p>iii) Comprehensive briefing by the Secretary, Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare, Special Education and Women Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) on the steps being taken by the Government of KP relating to</p>	<p>i) The Committee recommended that increase the Guzara Allowance and Jahaiz Allowance and evolve a mechanism to disburse the Zakat amongst the deserving people in transparent way.</p> <p>ii) The Committee further directed the Secretary Zakat and Ushr</p>	<p>Compliance</p> <p>Compliance</p>

	<p>the distribution of Zakat and Ushr in the Merged Districts (Erstwhile FATA), especially on the following points:-</p> <p>a) Organizational structure including details of employees (both regular and contract);</p> <p>b) Distribution setup, eligibility criteria and procedure for Zakat and Ushr;</p> <p>c) System of management, monitoring and audit etc; and</p>	<p>Department, KP to regularize the services of the employees working since 2003-04 in the Zakat and Ushr Department, KP.</p>	
<p>iv) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>		<p>i) The Committee discussed the deadline fixed for voter registration as 24th January, 2020 and raised their serious concerns that the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of Balochistan and erstwhile FATA may not be able to register themselves as voter by the above mentioned date and unanimously recommended to the Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan to extend the date of registration of vote so that the IDPs of Balochistan and erstwhile FATA maybe registered themselves as voter.</p> <p>ii) The Committee also discussed the issue of non issuance of Domicile Certificates to the Afridi Tribes residing in District Bajour and Kurram for decades and having properties on their names. In this regard the Committee directed the Home & Tribal Affairs Department to look into the matter of urgent public importance and submit report back to the Committee accordingly.</p> <p>iii) It was pointed out during meeting that not a single Health Card distributed in the South Waziristan so far. In this regard, the Committee also recommended to the Secretary Health Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to expedite the distribution of Health Cards in the Merged Districts particularly in South Waziristan and submit report back to the Committee.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Complied.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complied.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Complied.</p>

		iv) The Committee decided that Secretaries P&D and C&W Departments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be invited in the next meeting to brief the Committee on the ongoing/proposed development projects/Schemes in the Merged Districts.	Complied.
2.	<u>24.02.2020</u>		Confirmed
	i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 23 rd January 2020;		
	ii) Comprehensive report /implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee	The Committee directed the Director General Projects, HEC to actively pursue the case pending in the Islamabad High Court regarding admission in Medical/Dental Colleges under the PSDP project for opportunities of higher education to the Balochistan and FATA students so that the students may get admission in time.	Complied
	iii) Secretary, Planning & Development Department and Secretary, Communication & Works Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to brief the Committee on the ongoing /proposed development projects / schemes in the Merged Districts;	i) The Committee recommended to the Director General Projects, Planning and Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to devise a formula to distribute the development funds in transparent way and on equal merit basis amongst the Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA). ii) The Committee further directed the Director General Projects Planning and Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to finalize the proposed Development Schemes under the Accelerated Implementation Program (AIP) in the Merged Districts without any further delay so as to start the construction work and complete the Development Schemes in time.	Being implemented. Being implemented
	iv) To discuss the status of schemes submitted by Communication & Works Department, Planning & Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and DC South Waziristan alongwith Director Agriculture South Waziristan under Farm to Market Roads by neglecting the 98% of the whole South	The Committee directed to the DG Projects Planning & Development Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to re-examine the proposed roads under the project "Form to Market Roads" in Merged Districts and approve only those roads which are feasible and fulfill the criteria fixed for it and also consult the public representatives.	Compliance

	Waziristan fruits and vegetables generating farms situated in Wana, Birmal and Zarmilan Areas.		
	v) Any other item with permission of the Chair.	The Committee recommended /decided that Chief Executive Officer (CEO), TESCO and Secretary Health Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be invited in the next meeting for briefing on development schemes and other initiatives in merged districts/ Sub-Divisions (erstwhile FATA).	No meeting has been held

6. No Sub-Committee was constituted during the said period.
7. On 30th June, 2020, no Bill/matter referred by the National Assembly/ Honorable Speaker was pending before the Committee.

Sd/-
(TAHIR HUSSAIN)
Secretary
Islamabad, the 26th August, 2020

Sd/-
(SAJID KHAN)
Chairman