

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PAKISTAN



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

FOR THE PERIOD FROM  
**1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2019 TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

*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 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019.

2. The Committee comprises the following:-

1)	<b>Mr. Sajid Khan</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
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

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Mr. Walayat Khan

Secretary Committee

**Note:**

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

3. On 1<sup>st</sup> July, 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.	<p><b>09.10.2019</b> at 11:00 a.m in Committee Room of Ministry of States and Frontier Regions, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, “S” block, Pak-Secretariat, Islamabad.</p>	<p>12 Members including Chairman attended the meeting</p>	<p>i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Briefing by the Registrar, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) and Home &amp; Tribal Affairs Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding doubling of quota of FATA students from Erstwhile FATA in Medical and Dental colleges in compliance of the Cabinet’s decision in its meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017; iv) PMDC and Higher Education Commission (HEC) briefed the Committee on the number of seats in Medical and Dental Colleges allocated for the students of erstwhile FATA and Balochistan under the project for opportunities for higher education for Balochistan and erstwhile FATA students; v) Briefing by the HEC on the seats reserved for the Afghan students in Universities/Colleges under the Allama Iqbal Scholarships; vi) Briefing by the Secretary, Agriculture Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on the following points: a) Details of funds released for reclamation and leveling of land in merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA) in 2017-18 and 2018-19; b) Provide details of recruitments made during the last five years in Agriculture Departments of merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA); and vii) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>
2.	<p><b>22.11.2019</b> at 02:30 p.m in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad</p>	<p>08 Members including Chairman attended the meeting</p>	<p>i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019; ii) Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee; iii) Briefing on the details of funds released during the last five years for development of irrigation sector in merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA); iv) Briefing on future plans for promotion of sports in merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA); v) Briefing by the President, Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC), Islamabad, Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Secretary, Home &amp; Tribal Affairs Department,</p>

			<p>Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) regarding the progress taken about doubling of seats for FATA students in Medical and Dental Colleges as well as in other disciplines across the country in compliance of the Cabinet Division in its meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017;</p> <p>vi) Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) and HEC brief the Committee on the number of seats in Medical and Dental Colleges allocated for the students of FATA and Balochistan under the project for opportunities for Higher Education for Balochistan and FATA students; and</p> <p>vii) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>
3.	<p><b>24.12.2019</b> at 10:30 a.m in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad</p>	<p>13 Members including Chairman attended the meeting</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019;</li> <li>2. Comprehensive report/implementation status of the previous recommendations of the Committee;</li> <li>3. Comprehensive briefing by the Secretary, Communication and Works Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), regarding ongoing developments projects by Government of KP in the merged districts (Erstwhile FATA), especially in the following fields: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Number of schemes alongwith location and budget details in each tribal district under first phase (2020-23) to Tribal Decade Strategy (TDS 2020-23) &amp; Accelerated Implementation Programme (AIP);</li> <li>ii) Details of projects/future plans of development in merged districts during second and third phase (2024-27 &amp; 2028-30) under Tribal Decade Strategy (TDS 2020-30);</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Chief Executive Officer, Tribal Areas Electric Supply Company (TESCO), Peshawar to brief the Committee on ten years development plan for merged districts (Erstwhile FATA) under Accelerated Implementation Programme (AIP) and also provide details on the following points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List of schemes alongwith locations and budget details in each tribal district;</li> <li>b) Reasons for use of delaying tactics in commencement of works;</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. Implementation status of the recommendations/directions made by the Standing Committee during its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019 relating to doubling of seats for FATA students in medical/dental colleges as well as other disciplines across the country in compliance of the Cabinet's decision and PSDP projects by the HEC for opportunities of higher education to</li> </ol>

		Balochistan and FATA students; and 6. Any other item with permission of the Chair.
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5. The Performance of the Committee with reference to the said meetings is detailed below:-

S. No	Date/Agenda	Recommendations	Remarks
1.	<p><b>09.10.2019</b></p> <p>i) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019;</p>		<b>Confirmed</b>
	<p>iii) Briefing by the Registrar, Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) and Home &amp; Tribal Affairs Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa regarding doubling of quota of FATA students from Erstwhile FATA in Medical and Dental colleges in compliance of the Cabinet decision in its meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017;</p>	<p>i) The Committee directed the Registrar Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, (PMDC) to take immediate steps to implement the decision of the Federal Cabinet regarding doubling of reserved seats for erstwhile FATA students in Medical and Dental colleges and allocation of seats as per last year ratio for FATA and Balochistan students in Medical and Dental colleges in the country under the PSDP project for opportunities of higher education by the HEC and sent and sent a report thereof to the Committee within ten days.</p> <p>ii) The Committee also directed the Secretary M/o SAFRON to coordinate and hold meeting with the Secretaries of Health Departments of all the Provinces and other relevant stakeholders to implement the decision of the Federal Cabinet regarding doubling reserved seats for FATA students at the earliest in order to save the future of FATA students and report back to the Committee accordingly.</p>	<p><b>Complied</b></p> <p><b>Complied</b></p>
	<p>iv) Briefing by the Secretary, Agriculture Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on the following points:</p> <p>a) Details of funds released for reclamation and leveling of land in merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA) in 2017-18 and 2018-19;</p> <p>b) Provide details of recruitments made during the last five years in Agriculture Departments of</p>	<p>i) The Committee did not agree with the information provided in the brief/working papers by the Agriculture Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and decided to constitute a four member Sub-Committee to visit the Erstwhile FATA and to check the reclamation and leveling of land and Agriculture extension program there on ground. The Composition and ToR of the Sub-Committee are as under:- <u>Composition:-</u></p>	<p>It was decided during the meeting held on 15-11-2019 that the Sub-Committee would pay visits/hold meetings to the Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA) to check the development schemes in Agriculture sector carried out by the Agriculture Department/NGOs in last five years, however the Sub-Committee</p>

	merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA); and	<p>1. <b>Mr. Sajid Hussian Turi, Convener</b></p> <p>2. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal khan, Member</p> <p>3. Mr. Muhamamd Jamal Ud Din, Member</p> <p>4. Mr. Gul Zafar Khan, Member</p> <p><u>ToR:-</u></p> <p>“To probe into the alleged embezzlement in utilization of funds for reclamation and leveling of land and Agriculture extension program in Merged Districts (Erstwhile FATA) and to recommend steps to ensure transparency and curb corrupt practices in awarding contract of development schemes.”</p> <p>ii) The Ministry of SAFRON and Agriculture Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa will facilitate and assist the Sub-Committee in finalizing its report within thirty days.</p> <p>iii) It was also decided during meeting that the Secretary, Irrigation and Secretary Sports, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be invited in the next meeting for briefing the Committee on the steps being taken for promotion of sports and irrigation development projects in the Merged Districts</p>	Visits/meetings did not allow officially to visit the Merged Districts, therefore, the Sub-Committee dissolved after not submitting its report within the stipulated period.
2.	<p><b><u>22.11.2019</u></b></p> <p>i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019;</p>		<b>Confirmed</b>
	iii) Briefing on the details of funds released during the last five years for development of irrigation sector in merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA);	The Members of the Committee belonging to Tribal Districts raised their reservations about the development schemes in Merged Areas and said that some schemes only exists on paper, not on ground and directed the Irrigation department KP to provide the details of the said schemes with exact location to the Secretary Committee at the earliest and the Committee would then decide whether to visit the Merged Areas to check the said schemes on ground or otherwise.	<b>Complied</b>

<p>iv) Briefing on future plans for promotion of sports in merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA);</p>	<p>The Committee directed the Additional Secretary, Sports Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to look into the matter of already approved Sports grounds in Tribal Districts and to construct the Sports Complex under the AIP Program in the more thick populated area and accessible place in order to benefit more general public from it and submit report to the Committee accordingly.</p>	<p><b>Awaited</b></p>
<p>v) Briefing by the President, Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC), Islamabad, Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Secretary, Home &amp; Tribal Affairs Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) regarding the progress taken about doubling of seats for FATA students in Medical and Dental Colleges as well as in other disciplines across the country in compliance of the Cabinet Division in its meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017;</p>	<p>i) The Committee directed the HEC and Home &amp; Tribal Affairs Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to hold meetings with the Registrars of the Universities and resolve the issue of seats reserved for FATA students in other disciplines in the universities across the country as soon as possible and report to the Committee accordingly. ii) The Committee asked the Secretary, National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Islamabad for his personal intervention in the matter regarding doubling of FATA reserved seats in the medical/dental colleges throughout the country which is most public urgent importance and report to the Committee accordingly.</p>	<p><b>Complied</b></p> <p><b>Complied</b></p>
<p>vi) Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) and HEC brief the committee on the number of seats in Medical and Dental colleges allocated for the students of erstwhile FATA and Balochistan under the project for opportunities for Higher Education for Balochistan and erstwhile FATA students;</p>	<p>The Committee asked the Secretary, National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, Islamabad to hold meeting by inviting the President PMC and HEC to resolve the issue of seats allocation for Balochistan and erstwhile FATA students within ten days and report to the Committee accordingly.</p>	<p><b>Complied</b></p>
<p>vii) Any other item with permission of the Chair.</p>	<p>The Committee recommended that Secretary Construction and Works Department (C&amp;W) and Zakat, Ushr, Social Welfare &amp; Women Empowerment Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa would be invited in next meeting for briefing on development activities in Tribal Districts/Sub-Divisions in the respective fields.</p>	<p><b>Complied</b></p>

3.	<p align="center"><b><u>24.12.2019</u></b></p> <p>i) Confirmation of the minutes of previous meeting of the Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019;</p>		<b>Confirmed</b>
	<p>iii) Comprehensive briefing by the Secretary, Communication and Works Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), regarding ongoing developments projects by Government of KP in the merged districts (Erstwhile FATA), especially in the following fields:</p> <p>a) Number of schemes alongwith location and budget details in each tribal district under first phase (2020-23) to Tribal Decade Strategy (TDS 2020-23) &amp; Accelerated Implementation Programme (AIP);</p> <p>b) Details of projects/future plans of development in merged districts during second and third phase (2024-27 &amp; 2028-30) under Tribal Decade Strategy (TDS 2020-30);</p>	<p>The Committee recommended to the Chief Engineer, Construction &amp; Works Department (C&amp;W), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to arrange meeting in the Planning and Development Department (P&amp;D) for the Committee Members with the Secretaries C&amp;W and P&amp;D, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to discuss and to satisfy the Members of the Committee on the Infrastructure Development Schemes in Merged Districts under the Accelerated Implementation Program (AIP).</p>	<b>Not yet materialized</b>
	<p>iv) Chief Executive Officer, Tribal Areas Electric Supply Company (TESCO), Peshawar to brief the Committee on ten years development plan for merged districts (Erstwhile FATA) under Accelerated Implementation Programme (AIP) and also provide details on the following points:</p> <p>a) List of schemes alongwith locations and budget details in each tribal district;</p> <p>b) Reasons for use of delaying tactics in commencement of works;</p>	<p>i) The Committee recommended that the load shedding hours may be reduced and make better arrangements for uninterrupted supply of electricity in the Merged Areas.</p> <p>ii) The Committee further recommended that the construction work on the proposed/approved Feeders and transmission lines in Merged Areas should be expedited in order to complete the electrification work within the stipulated time.</p> <p>iii) The Committee further recommended that per unit rates of electricity may be subsidized in Merged Areas (Erstwhile FATA) for domestic and commercial users.</p> <p>iv) The Committee further discussed the issue of Disconnection of electricity from Sub-Division Bhattani (Erstwhile- FR Lakki) for the last one year and directed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reply Awaited</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reply Awaited</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reply Awaited</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Reply awaited</b></p>



		<p>the CEO, TESCO to look into the matter personally and submit report back to the Committee accordingly.</p> <p>v) Provision of 40 MVA Transfers in Para Chinaar, District Kurram.</p> <p>vi) Construction of Grid Stations at Tehsils given below:</p> <p>a) Yaka Ghund, District Mohmand</p> <p>b) Tehsil Umbar and Barang District Bajour</p> <p>c) Sara Rogha, South Waziristan</p> <p>vii) One feeder for each Tehsil in Merged Areas.</p>	<p><b>Implemented</b></p> <p><b>Implemented</b></p> <p><b>Implemented</b></p>
	<p>v) Implementation status of the recommendations/directions made by the Standing Committee during its meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2019 relating to doubling of seats for FATA students in medical/dental colleges as well as other disciplines across the country in compliance of the Cabinet decision and PSDP projects by the HEC for opportunities of higher education to Balochistan and FATA students;</p>	<p>i) The Committee directed to the Secretary PMC to issue the notification regarding doubling of seats in the other provinces within two or three days in order to save the future of FATA students and they may get admission in the Medical Colleges from the current session.</p> <p>ii) The Committee further directed the Secretary PMC and D.G Projects, HEC to resolve and allocate the medical/dental seats as per previous year ratio under the PSDP project for opportunities for Higher Education for Balochistan and FATA students.</p>	<p><b>Complied</b></p> <p><b>Complied</b></p>

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

<b>Date of appointment/ composition</b>	<b>ToRs</b>	<b>Date/Venue of meeting</b>	<b>Recommendations/Report</b>
<p><b>09.10.2019</b></p> <p>1) <b>Mr. Sajid Hussian Turi, Convener</b></p> <p>2) Mr. Muhammad Iqbal khan, Member</p> <p>3) Mr. Muhamamd Jamal Ud Din, Member</p> <p>4) Mr. Gul Zafar Khan, Member</p>	<p>“To probe into the alleged embezzlement in utilization of funds for reclamation and leveling of land and Agriculture extension program in Merged Districts (Erstwhile FATA) and to recommend steps to ensure transparency and curb corrupt practices in awarding contract</p>	<p><b>15.11.2019</b> at 02:30 p.m in Committee Room No. 7, Parliament House, Islamabad</p>	<p>i) It was decided during the subject meeting that the Sub-Committee would pay visits/hold meetings to the Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions (Erstwhile FATA) to check the development schemes in Agriculture sector carried out by the Agriculture Department/NGOs in last five years.</p> <p>ii) The Sub-Committee directed the Agriculture department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to provide list of development schemes alongwith exact</p>

	of development schemes.”		<p>location under all Erstwhile FATA development program as well as Annual Development Program (ADP) schemes in the Agriculture sector in last five years in Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions to the Members of the Sub-Committee before their visit at the earliest.</p> <p>iii)The Sub-Committee directed the Ministry of SAFRON to direct all the Deputy Commissioners of Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions to furnish the list of development schemes with exact location in Agriculture sector carried out by the NGOs in Merged Districts/Sub-Divisions in last five years before the visit of Sub-Committee at the earliest in order to finalize the report of the Sub-Committee in stipulated time.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The Sub-Committee Visits/ meetings did not allow officially to visit the Merged Districts, therefore, the Sub-Committee dissolved after not submitting its report within the stipulated period.</p>
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7. On 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019, no Bill/matter referred by the National Assembly/ Honorable Speaker was pending before the Committee.

**Sd/-**  
**(TAHIR HUSSAIN)**  
Secretary  
Islamabad, the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

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**(SAJID KHAN)**  
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