



# SENATE SECRETARIAT

Report No.3 of 2016

## Report of the Senate Standing Committee on Information Technology & Telecommunication

regarding the subject matter of point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini in the Senate sitting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, regarding non-availability of Mobile Phone Service in the various areas of Province of Balochistan.

**Presented by:**  
**Senator Shahi Syed**  
**Chairman SSC on IT & Telecom**

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### REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATION ON THE SUBJECT MATTER OF POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI, IN THE SITTING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016.

I, Senator Shahi Syed, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Information Technology & Telecommunication, have the honor to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the subject matter of a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini in the Senate sitting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, regarding non-availability of mobile phone service in the various areas of the Province of Balochistan, and referred by the House to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Shahi Syed	Chairman
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Mufti Abdul Sattar	Member
4.	Senator Naseema Ehsan	Member
5.	Senator Najma Hameed	Member
6.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
7.	Senator Dr. Karim Ahmed Khawaja	Member
8.	Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
9.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
10.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
12.	Senator Gianchand	Member
13.	MoS for I.T. & Telecommunication	Ex-officio Member

3. The Standing Committee in its meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016, in old PIPs Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad, under the Chairmanship of Senator Shahi Syed, considered the said issue. The meeting was attended by the following members, namely: -

1.	Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
2.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
4.	Senator Begum Najma Hameed	Member
5.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Member
6.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Mover
7.	MoS for Information Technology & Telecommunication	Ex-officio Member

4. The Committee heard reservations and point of view of Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini and the response of the MoS for Information Technology and Telecommunication in detail. The Committee members were of the view that the mobile phone service is a basic need of every individual as it is the only possible way for communication at a short span of time as well as feasible economically, hence, it should be provided to each and every part of the country on priority basis.

5. After detailed deliberations, the Committee disposed of the issue with the following recommendations / directions:-

- M/o Information Technology and Telecommunication in coordination with USF and PTA should ensure to take immediate steps to provide cellular services in the areas of Awaran, Khuzdar, Lasbela, Kohlu Chaghai, Dalbadin, Jhal Magsi especially all those areas of the Province of Balochistan where no security, law & order situation prevails and report the update progress in the matter, to the Committee, at the earliest.
- In order to enable the residents of Province of Balochistan to avail information and communication technology, the Universal Services Fund (USF) should conduct a survey of the Province of Balochistan, particularly of un-served and under-served areas of that province to develop and promote telecommunication services, at the earliest.



(Asim Khan Goraya)  
J.S./ Secretary (Committee)



(Senator Shahi Syed)  
Chairman (Committee)

Islamabad, the  
26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.