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**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, REVENUE,
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, STATISTICS AND PRIVATIZATION**

ON

**" THE MATTER POINTED OUT BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD SALEH SHAH
IN THE HOUSE ON 15TH FEBRUARY, 2017, RELATING TO CENSUS ISSUE"**

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALLA

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the Committee, this report on the matter pointed out by Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah in the House on 15th February, 2017, regarding discrepancies in the forms issued by the Statistics Division for the upcoming population census of the country and devising a proper mechanism for counting of IDPs of FATA who are scattered throughout the country, which was referred to the Committee for consideration and report within thirty days, with the direction that all Senators may be invited in the meeting on special invitation, if they want to attend, and SMS should also be sent to each Senator for the meeting's date and time.

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

(1)	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
(2)	Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour	Member
(3)	Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
(4)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
(5)	Senator Nasreen Jalil	Member
(6)	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
(7)	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
(8)	Senator Ms. Ayesha Raza Farooq	Member
(9)	Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Muhammad Hassani	Member
(10)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
(11)	Senator Saud Majeed	Member
(12)	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Member
(13)	Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization	Ex-Officio Member

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3. The Committee considered the matter in its meeting held on 27th February, 2017, at Parliament House, Islamabad, and as per direction of House, SMS for the said meeting was also sent to each Senator, however, the following members attended the meeting, including mover and eight Senators on special invitation:-

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Chairman
2. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour	Member
3. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari	Member
4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	Member
5. Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Member
6. Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah	Mover
7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Special Invitee
8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Special Invitee
9. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Special Invitee
10. Senator Saeed Ghani	Special Invitee
11. Senator Sehar Kamran	Special Invitee
12. Senator Farhatullah Babar	Special Invitee
13. Senator Nehal Hashmi	Special Invitee
14. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed	Special Invitee

4. The Chairman Committee briefed the members, movers and special invitees about the referral of the issue by the House to the Committee for consideration and report and invited the mover and the special invitees to share their concerns and views with the Committee.

5. Various queries were raised by the members, mover and special invitees, which were responded by the Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) and representative of NADRA. While deliberating upon the reservations regarding upcoming population census, Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi said that for every country, census played a vital role in better policy formulation and development planning, therefore, before conducting census in Pakistan, the reservations of the political parties of Baluchistan should be addressed in order to devise a proper mechanism for counting of around forty percent people of Baluchistan who had migrated throughout the country due to worst law and order situation of the province and foreign refugees should also be excluded from the population of Pakistan. Moreover, conducting of census exercise in the sensitive areas of Baluchistan in view of law and order threat should also be considered. Senators Sehar Kamran, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar suggested that steps should be taken by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) for inclusion of overseas Pakistanis in the upcoming census and exclusion of foreign immigrants from the population of Pakistan and said that a transparent mechanism should be adopted for making constituencies during the census as it would also distress the next general elections in the country.

6. Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel were of the considered opinion that in order to make census results credible, Pashto and Baluchi speaking officers should not be deployed for census exercise in Baluchistan and the population census should be made fair and

