



## SENATE OF PAKISTAN

# REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF LESS DEVELOPED AREAS

12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018



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حکیم یہ کہہ رہے تھے کہ کچھ کھا کے مر گیا۔۔

*Presented by*  
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**Chairman Committee**



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## Less Developed Districts of Pakistan

PUNJAB	SINDH	KHYBER KUKHTUN- KHWA	BALOCHISTAN			SPECIAL AREAS
Layyah	Dadu	Banu	Awaran	Jhal Magsi	Mustung	All Districts In AJK GB & FATA
		Chitral	Barkhan	Lasbella	Zhob	
Lodhran	Jacobabad	Lakki Marwat	Harnai	Loralai	Dera Bughti	
	Kamber	Tank	Chagai	Musa khail	Kohlu	
Muzaffar Garh	Kashmore	Batagram	Jaffarabad	Noshki	Sibbi	
	Sanghar	Upper Dir	Kharan	Kalat	Ziarat	
	Tharparkar	Shangla	Khuzdar	Gwadar	Pishin	
Rajanpur	Umerkot	Kohistan	Kila Abdullah	Kech/Turbat	Panjgur	
		D.I Khan	Kila Saifullah	Bolan	Dera Murad Jamali	
	Badin	Buner	Sherani	Washuk		
		Lower Dir				

List of Less Developed Districts of Pakistan as notified by the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform, Islamabad.



## **PREFACE**

Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas is the most important Committee of Senate overseeing the core issues related to less developed areas of Pakistan. The Committee are supposed to perform following or such other functions as may be assigned to it from time to time including to promote a balanced development in the country and to pay special attention to the problems of less-developed areas, The functions of the Committee are prescribed as follows in the *Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012*:

*Review plans and special programs for less-developed areas as approved by the Government from time to time; (b) Receive representations from affected persons and areas concerning the development of those areas within the framework of budgetary provisions already made in that behalf; (c) identify problems, bottlenecks and difficulties in the implementation of the programmes and policies for less-developed areas as approved and enunciated by the Government from time to time; and (d) Make recommendation subject to availability of resources, for resolving these problems and for the speedier development of those areas in order to achieve more balanced and equitable utilization of resources in the country for greater socioeconomic justice.*

As Chairman I am pleased to present the three years Report of the Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas from 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 to 11 March 2018. I was elected as Chairman Committee On 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. Since then, numerous meetings have been conducted and multiple agenda items discussed and found extreme disparity between developed and less developed areas of Pakistan. About 75% masses live in less developed areas. It is expedient to mention here that 73% FATA and 71% population live below poverty line. It was noted that on the one hand some areas have all possible opportunities whereas on the other hand bulk of population live below poverty line having no social development opportunities, no basic educational facilities, no potable drinking water. Most of the natural resources exist in less developed areas including oil & gas, gold, copper, minerals, forests, coastal areas, commercial gate ways etc but residents are deprived of their basic rights.

I would like to express my gratitude to the honorable members of the Committee for their active cooperation to enable this Committee play an effective role in serving the people of Less Developed Areas of Pakistan.

I certainly appreciate the contribution made by Secretary Committee and my staff who contributed immensely for arranging and coordinating the Committee meetings in a flawless manner, writing down Minutes but also in preparation and compilation of Monthly Reports and this three years Report.

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR**



## **CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

As Chairman Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, I feel honored to be a part of a team that is dedicated to the task associated with the most important issues of the country, Problems of Less Developed Areas. I would like to greet all the members of the Committee with heartiest regards for their cooperation and inexhaustible efforts to propose various development plans in less developed areas.

I highly appreciate the cooperation extended by Secretariat, former Secretary Committee Late Masror Hausen, and my own staff, for their professional dedication and hard work that they put in to keep the working of the committee smooth.

It will be our commitment to uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, parliamentary oversight and public accountability.

**Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**  
Chairman



## CHAIRMAN'S PROFILE



Name: **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**  
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## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1 **Senator Khalida Parveen**  
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian  
Province of Punjab  
2012 to 2018  
Women Seat
2. **Senator Sardar M. Azam Musakhel** (15.07.2016 onward)  
Pashtoon Khwa Milli Awami Party  
Province of Balochistan  
2015-2021  
General Seat
- 3 **Senator Rubina Irfan**  
Pakistan Muslim League  
Province of Balochistan  
2012 to 2018  
Women Seat
- 4 **Senator Sirdar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa**  
Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz  
Province of Punjab  
2012 to 2018  
General Seat
- 5 **Senator Nisar Muhammad**  
Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz  
Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
2012 to 2018  
General Seat
- 6 **Senator Maulana Tanveer-ul-Haq Thanvi**  
Muttahida Qaumi Movement  
Province of Sindh  
2012 to 2018  
Technocrats including Ulema Seat  
In Vice of Senator Syed Mustafa Kamal
- 7 **Senator Gianchand**  
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian  
Province of Sindh  
2015 to 2021  
General Seat





- 8 **Senator Mir Nematullah Zehri**  
Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz  
Province of Balochistan  
2015 to 2021  
General Seat
- 9 **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi**  
National Party  
Province of Balochistan  
2015 to 2021  
Technocrats including Ulema Seats
- 10 **Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**  
Balochistan National Party (M)  
Province of Balochistan  
2015 to 2021  
General Seat
- 11 **Senator Samina Saeed**  
Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf  
Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa  
2015 to 2021  
Women's Seat
- 12 **Senator Rozi Khan Kakar** (12.03.2015 to 15.07.2016)  
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian  
Province of Balochistan  
2012-2018  
Technocrats including Ulema Seat



**Secretary Committee** Masror Hausen



### **ATTENDANCE OF THE MEMBERS**

	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>No. of Meetings</b>	<b>Meetings Attended</b>
1	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar (Chairman)	64	63
2	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	64	40
3	Senator Nisar Muhammad	64	33
4	Senator Maulana Tanveer- ul-Haq Thanvi	64	27
5	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	64	43
6	Senator Rubina Irfan	64	12
7	Senator Mir Nematullah Zehri	64	Zero
8	Senator Sirdar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Khosa	64	04
9	Senator Khalida Parveen	64	40
10	Senator Gianchand	64	37
11	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	42	38
12	Senator Samina Saeed	60	28
13	Senator Rozi Khan Kakar	21	05
14	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	04	01

**Note:-**

1. Senator Samina Saeed joined Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 by replacing Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.
2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Musakhel joined Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 by replacing Senator Rozi Khan Kakar.



## **Committee Mission**

*"To address the problems of Less Developed Areas with solid foundation of accountability, openness and integrity."*

## **Core Values of the Committee**

- *Responsiveness*
- *People Oriented*
- *Participation*
- *Equality and Effectiveness*
- *Transparency*
- *Accountability*
- *Efficiency*



## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The first meeting of the Committee was held on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2015 where Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar was elected as the Chairman of the Committee. Under the Chairmanship of Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, the Committee meetings were convened at Parliament House, Islamabad, on the following dates where various issues concerning Less Developed Areas were taken up with different departments and ministries.

<b><u>S.No.</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Ministry</u></b>	<b><u>Members Attendance</u></b>
1	19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2015	In-House meeting	
2	3 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2015	Planning, Development & Reforms	6
3	25 <sup>th</sup> August, 2015	Water and Power	7
4	4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015	Water and Power (Quetta)	6
5	14 <sup>th</sup> September, 2015	Planning, Development & Reforms BISP	7
6	1 <sup>st</sup> October, 2015	Information Tech & Telecomm	5
7	23 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2015	Broadcasting and National Heritage	5
8	8 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015	National Food Security & Research	6
9	14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015	Oversees Pakistanis and H. R. Dev	5
10	17 <sup>th</sup> December, 2015	SAFRON	4
11	4 <sup>th</sup> January, 2016	National Health Services R & Coord	8
12	3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2016	Fed Edu and Professional Training	7
13	8 <sup>th</sup> February, 2016	Finance & Planning, Dev, Reforms	5
14	07 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016	Climate Change	02
15	29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2016	Climate Change	4
16	12 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016	Railways	6
17	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016	SAFRON	3
18	27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2016	Petroleum and Natural Resources	7
19	4 <sup>th</sup> May, 2016	Industries and Production	7
20	30 <sup>th</sup> May, 2016	National Food Security & Research	7
21	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	Housing and Works	5
22	1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	Science and Technology	7
23	26 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	Water & Power, + Flood Commission	6
24	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2016	BISP	6
25	22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2016	HEC	8



26	7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016	Inform Tech and Telecomm.	6
27	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2016	Housing and Works	7
28	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	Interior – NADRA	4
29	21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	IPC, PSB,	5
30	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	NADRA	3
31	28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	P&NR, OGDCL	4
32	18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	Finance Division	5
33	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2016	Planning, Dev and Reforms	4
34	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	National Health Serv.& Regulation	5
35	29 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	NCHD	3
36	30 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	Lok virsa	4
37	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	HEC-	3
38	20 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	BISP	2
39	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2017	Pakistan Baitul Maal PBM	7
40	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Climate Change	3
41	28 <sup>th</sup> February 2017	Petroleum & Natural Resources	4
42	9 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Ind & Prod-USC, Explosive deptt	5
43	19 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Planning & Finance	5
44	15 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Evacuee Trust Prop Board	4
45	16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	IPC, PSB	4
46	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Interior/Nadra	3
47	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Water & Power	4
48	12 <sup>th</sup> July 2107	HEC	9
49	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	NCHD	6
50	23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug 2017	I&B (APP & PNCA)	5
51	19 Sept 2017	NCHD	6
52	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	NCHD	5
53	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	NHA-Communication	6
54	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Planning & Fin	3
55	19 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	NCHD	3
56	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	NCHD	2
57	2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017	Health	2
58	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017	Lok Virsa, I&B	4
59	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Energy (M/o. Petroleum)	4



60	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Information B' Casting PTV	
61	8 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	PLDA Ind Prod USC	
62	15 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Ind & Prod Interior Explosive	
63	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	PPAF & Finance	
64	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	Ind & Prod Interior Explosive & NCHD, M/o Edu	

1. In the meeting held on **3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2015** with Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, the Committee was briefed about the identification of Less Developed Areas of Pakistan, China-Pakistan Economic Corridor with special reference to its route passing through the Less Developed Areas and the allocation of funds in the PSDP 2015-16 for the uplift of the Less Developed Areas and FATA.
2. In the meeting held on **25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015** with the Ministry of Water and Power, the Committee was briefed about energy and power crisis in the less developed areas of the country also indicating the initiatives taken by the Ministry to overcome the said issue, the projects launched and projects under consideration of the Ministry for the construction of new water reservoirs and dams in the less developed areas, details of funds allocated for the energy and power projects, construction of new reservoirs, dams and maintenance of existing infrastructure in the less developed areas of the country, during the current financial year and Briefing on power projects under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor in the less developed areas of the country and FATA was given.
3. In the meeting held on **4<sup>th</sup> September, 2015**, with the Ministry of Water and Power, the Committee was briefed about the reasons for less duration and electricity-voltage to Tube-wells being used by Agricultural consumers in less developed areas of Balochistan, Progress report on Chashma Zhob Transmission line, detail of funds allocated in 2015-16 under PSDP & others etc. for Grid Station and progress report thereon, energy projects of coal, gas, wind & solar projects energy feasibility study and schemes for new projects in less developed areas of Balochistan, detail of appointments, vacant and newly created posts (grade wise) for residents of less developed areas of Balochistan in QESCO during the last 3 years. Details of appointments made for residents of less developed areas of Balochistan in other DISCOs and departments under Ministry of Water & Power against the quota of Balochistan during the last 5 years. Budget allocation in 2015-16 for new schemes in less developed areas of Balochistan for Water and Power sectors and demands for QESCO in mega watts allocated and reason for not utilizing allocated demand by QESCO in less developed areas of Balochistan was discussed.
4. In the meeting held on **14<sup>th</sup> September, 2015** with Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, the Committee was briefed about the Performance of the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) during the last 5 years ( year-wise) in Less Developed Districts especially with regard to Balochistan, FATA and each less developed districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh and detail of



appointments made in BISP (Grade wise, province-wise & FATA) and number of vacant posts against Balochistan quota.

5. In the meeting held on **1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015**, with Ministry of information Technology and Telecommunications, the Committee was briefed about the overall performance of the Ministry and its attached departments in less developed areas and FATA during last three years.
6. In the meeting on **23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2015**, with Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage, the Committee was briefed about the detail of appointments made in the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage, and in its attached departments, corporations and autonomous bodies for the people of the Less Developed Areas of the Country and FATA during the last three years. Detail of financial assistance, awards and employment to the Artists belonging to the Less Developed Areas of the Country and FATA during the last three years.
7. In the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**, with Ministry of National Food Security and Research, the Committee was briefed about the working and performance of his ministry with particular reference to the projects being carried out in the Less Developed Areas of the country and FATA.
8. In the meeting held on **14<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**, with Ministry of Overseas Pakistani and Human Resource Development, the Committee was briefed about the overall performance of the Ministry and its attached department in less developed areas and FATA during last three years.
9. In the meeting held on **17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**, with Ministry of SAFRON (State and Frontier Regions, the Committee was briefed about the overall performance of Ministry of SAFRON and its attached department in less developed Areas and FATA during last three years.
10. In the meeting held on **4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016**, with Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination, the Committee was briefed about the performance of the ministry in less developed areas of the country and FATA during last three years.
11. In the meeting held on **3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016**, with Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training and its attached departments, overall briefing was presented by Higher Education Commission (HEC), National Commission for Human Development (NCHD), National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) and Basic Education Community Schools (BECS) on their performance in Less Developed Areas of the Country and FATA.
12. In the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> February, 2016**, with Planning Commission and Finance Division, The Committee was briefed about the performance and schemes of Planning Commission and Finance Division in Less Developed Areas and FATA and progress report.



13. In the meeting held on **29<sup>th</sup> March, 2016**, in the light of National Forest Policy 2015, Secretary Climate Change gave a detailed briefing on the issue of deforestation. He said only five percent area of Pakistan is covered by forests, whereas, it should have 25 percent area under forest to avoid pollution, floods etc. Chairman Committee noted that after the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment 2010, eight new ministries were set up at the federal level where equivalent ministries were also working at the provincial level. Chief Meteorologist, Food Forecasting Division (FFD) briefed in detail about National Climate Change policy 2012 and its emphasis on water sector.
14. In the meeting held on **12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**, Ministry of Railways' officials briefed the Committee on the agenda by giving detailed information about the proposed routes of railway specifically regarding less developed areas. Secretary Railways confessed that owing to financial crunch the Railways could not concentrate on less developed areas but now it would pay attention to less developed areas under CPEC. Chairman Committee emphasized that no nuclear power, no weapon, no missile, no atom bomb, no army can save Pakistan, but it can only prosper by strong economy, and strong financial state, which could only be achieved if the government focused on less developed areas of Pakistan. He stressed upon the Ministry to concentrate on upgradation of railways in less developed areas in this regard. By way of example he said that an amount of Rs. 1.6 billion was being spent on the Orange line project in Lahore, could have been spent on railway construction from Bostan to Dera Ismail Khan, so concentration should be diverted on less developed areas by allocating funds for constructing railway in these areas.
15. In the meeting held on **18<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**, Secretary FATA Secretariat gave a detailed presentation stating that all seven agencies of FATA and six adjoining frontier regions lagged behind in socio-economic indicators as a result of neglect in most areas of public policy particularly development. The Committee was told that in order to bring these less developed areas at par with the developed areas of Pakistan, a major development initiative was needed on the scale of the 1948 Marshall Plan that was rolled out to rebuild the war-ravaged European states. Chairman Committee reminded the Committee that \$1.3 billion were donated to Pakistan under Coalition Support Fund out of which 40 percent were allocated for social uplift programmes in civilian areas; however, FATA did not receive its share even from other millions of dollars that were donated for FATA.
16. In the meeting held on **27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**, performance of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources and its attached departments/organization in less developed area was discussed. The Committee was briefed that in less developed areas of Punjab, Layyah 100% progress has been achieved in laying the gas network, likewise in Muzaffargarh 93% while in Lodhran 96% work completed. But Rajanpur is not connected to gas so far. Similarly, while briefing about the LDAs in KPK, the Committee was told that in District Tank 89%, District Hangu 80%, and District Karak 98% work has been completed. Whereas, districts Buneer, Batagram, Shangla, Upper Dir, Lower Dir, Chitral, Kohistan and Torkhar are not connected to gas. However, detailed survey of these areas along with their feasibility reports are to be sent for their approval. He further told the committee that for FATA 1 billion was



that for FATA 1 billion was allocated by the Federal government of Pakistan in 2011 but that remained only announcement and funds were not released.

17. In the meeting held on **4<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**, Additional Secretary, Industries & Production briefed the Committee about the working of the Ministry, its organizational structure, responsibilities and its mission. The Committee was told that Rs.5.7 billions were allocated to Balochistan, FATA and KPK for twelve projects under PSDP, out of which an amount of Rs.4 billion had been spent. Committee was given details of the projects. Committee expressed disappointment at the performance of Utility Stores Corporation when it was informed about its annual financial loss of Rs.1.4 billion last year and it did not have a store in FATA. The Committee gave Utility Stores a period of six months to improve its performance including provision of quality products at cost price and subsidized to support the poor or close it down. Committee expressed concern over the Ministry's overall performance in Less Developed Areas questioning its indicators which did not match the ground realities.
18. In the meeting held on **30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**, a comprehensive briefing on the agenda items was given by the officials of the Ministry and its attached departments and a written reply regarding the recommendations issued in the meeting of 8th December, 2015 was submitted to the Committee.
19. In the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> June, 2016**, Ministry of Housing and Works told the Committee that only Pak PWD has worked in the Less Developed Areas if an elected representative so desired. Pak PWD executes works under PSDP and its deposit works as well as development schemes under Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). So far in the last three years 19 schemes were planned in the Less Developed Areas out of which 14 would be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at a cost of Rs.4016 million. However, the Committee expressed dissatisfaction at the allocation and pace of work in Less Developed Areas and the bottlenecks in the disbursement of funds by the Ministry of Finance to undertake the works.
20. In the meeting held on **1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016**, the Committee was told that the Ministry of Science & Technology is not development oriented yet it determines priority areas of applied research to promote economic growth including less developed areas where it took initiatives in education, technical training and research etc.
21. In the meeting held on **26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016**, Federal Flood Commission (FFC) Chairman gave a detailed presentation to the Committee highlighting its role as well as its strengths and weaknesses. He told the Committee that FFC was a purely technical organization with a limited scope and that it was never envisaged as an executing authority and it was mostly dependent on Met office and provincial irrigation departments. He said flood warning radars were installed in Mangla, Lahore and Sialkot and FFC had acquired a Flood Plane Map to determine the level of inundation in any particular area. He, however, admitted that the early flood warning system was backward and hoped that a recent PM intervention in the next 10-year plan of the FFC funded by the World Bank would make it more efficient.



22. In the meeting held on **2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016**, officials of BISP said it conducted a poverty survey through firms of international repute in 2012 covering 90 percent of the population and has identified 15 million people who need financial help. Out of these BISP has succeeded in setting up a mechanism whereby it regularly doles out money to 5.3 million beneficiaries all over Pakistan. Regarding Committee's concern about selection of beneficiaries, the Committee was told that the concern will be addressed in upcoming surveys.
23. In the meeting held on **22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016**, HEC gave a detailed comparison of scholarships awarded to students of less developed areas including FATA and developed areas. The Committee asked why a particular class in Quetta, for instance, in the case of Balochistan manages to get all scholarships on sports basis especially females. Chairman HEC replied that the number of scholarships is limited; however, all efforts are made to reach out to deserving candidates who may need scholarships to carry out their education.
24. In the meeting held on **7<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**, Universal Services Fund (USF) gave a presentation on implementation of Committee's Recommendations of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015. The Committee expressed its dissatisfaction over the quality of telecom services in less developed areas despite the fact that the companies make profit.
25. In the meeting held on **30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**, the Committee expressed its dismay that the Ministry of Housing and Works was functioning as an executing agency (as informed by the Ministry) and that in reality the decisions on housing were taken by the Prime Minister and the Cabinet and the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms.
26. In the meeting held on **7<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**, Ministry of Interior officials did not turn up and the meeting was postponed.
27. In the meeting held on **21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016**, after a brief introduction of the Ministry of IPC including its history and its role, the Committee received a detailed presentation on nine initiatives aimed at Less Developed Districts and FATA during the last three years.
28. In the meeting held on **27<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**, The Committee observed that the absence of Honourable Interior Minister and responsible officers of his Ministry was required because of the issue of blocked CNICs the number of which had risen to around 200,000. The blocking of a Pakistani national's card posed acute hardships. DG Operations said NADRA had issued CNICs to around 107 million Pakistani citizens, 1.5 million applications were in the process whereas and after re-verification 106,000 persons were found to be "confirmed aliens with family members," 163,000 cards were under verification by verifying agency and 67,000 were under verification at NADRA's zonal offices. He said the general criteria for blocking a CNIC were detection of fake particulars and reporting by the verifying agency. A detailed discussion was held on the issue of blocking the cards of a certain ethnic community because it resembled communities migrating from neighbouring countries in search of employment.



29. In the meeting held on **28<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**, the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Resources gave a detailed presentation on the implementation status of recommendations made by the Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. A detailed presentation was given to the Committee along with a list of 30 Companies working in oil and gas exploration; the procedure for allotting exploration areas to these companies and the areas allotted to each company.
30. In the meeting held on **18<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**, the meeting was closed without discussion on the notified agenda and it was decided that a fresh date for the next meeting would be announced later after the Honourable Chairman Senate has been intimated in writing as the Ministry of Finance, sent a junior officer to the meeting.
31. In the meeting held on **21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016**, Chairman Committee inquired about the delay in the construction of a hundred Very Small Dams in Balochistan which didn't even cost much. Members said the drought conditions had deteriorated in Balochistan so much so that people had started to migrate to fertile lands in the provinces of Sindh and Punjab which was a valid reason for expediting the construction of dams. Planning Commission agreed with the observations, however, it informed the Committee that the resource base had shrunk at the federal level as a result of the NFC formula. The Committee discussed the Public Sector Development Program year-wise and showed concern over the incomplete projects.
32. In the meeting held on **28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**, in its written response, the Ministry of National Health Services stated that in pursuance to the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment, health was a devolved subject. However, the Ministry created in 2013 to address the subjects in Federal Legislative Lists I & II relating to health, bears the mandate of national planning and coordination of health services delivery. If and when requested by the provinces/regions, the Ministry can generate technical and financial resources. And that the Ministry also has an important regulatory function which is performed through health councils like PMDC, PNC, NCT, NCH, DRAP and others.
33. In the meeting held on **29<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**, Chairperson NCHD gave a detailed presentation on the performance of the Commission in less developed areas including FATA. She said the objective of NCHD was to promote human development by supporting government line departments, NGOs and elected representatives at the district level in primary education, literacy, income-generating activities and basic health care services adding that less developed areas were a top priority in this regard.
34. In the meeting held on **30<sup>th</sup> December, 2016**, Executive Director of LokVirsa gave a detailed briefing on the overall performance of the Institute in the Less Developed Areas and in FATA including a museum-related field work in Gilgit-Baltistan; relief mela for the IDPs (in 2014); GB folk artists' participation in Nowruz celebrations at LokVirsa and cultural mela; revival of saroz musical instrument of Balochistan as a



symbol of peace, love and progress; performance of Hazara community artists in Islamabad; theatre performances; Chitral craft bazar; Gojal cultural show; rock salt promotion festival in Jhelum; promotion of mother languages; celebration of Holi and facilitation of artisans from remote areas including Tharparkar, Badin, Matli, FATA, D. I. Khan, Mardan, Balochistan and Kashmir. She said traditional cultures of less developed areas were a priority for LokVirsa that's why it endeavoured to give more exposure to provincial artisans and musicians; the most authentic culture was found in the less developed areas of the country, she added.

35. In the meeting held on **13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**, HEC presented an implementation status on the 17 recommendations given in Committee's meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2016 and gave a detailed presentation on its performance in less developed areas.
36. In the meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017**, The Committee was told that BISP schemes included Unconditional Cash Transfers, Waseela-e-Taleem, E-commerce and Graduation through Collaboration and as of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 an amount of Rs.460 billion had been disbursed among around five million beneficiaries all over the country.
37. In the meeting held on **31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017**, M.D. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal informed the Committee that the main Objective of Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal was to provide financial assistance to needy persons including footing their medical bills and rehabilitation of deserving persons irrespective of race, religion or creed. In order to realize its objective, PBM ran various pro-poor projects and schemes details of which were laid bare in a detailed presentation and were lauded by the Committee. The Committee appreciated the vision and efforts of PBM's Managing Director in serving the poor community in less developed areas. However, in a detailed discussion, points were raised by Committee members to improve the outreach of PBM which are addressed in the Recommendations below.
  - a. Individual Financial Assistance
  - b. Pakistan Sweet Homes (for orphan children)
  - c. Child Support Programme in line with MDGs
  - d. Special Friends Project
  - e. Distribution of sewing machines
  - f. Schools for rehabilitation of child labour
  - g. Women Empowerment Center (Vocational trainings)
  - h. Grant-in-aid to NGOs
  - i. Pakistan Great Homes for senior citizens
  - j. Disaster assistance programmes
  - k. Thalassemia Center in Islamabad.
38. In the meeting held on **27<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**, the Chairman Committee warned the Ministry of Climate Change that climate posed a threat to the country that is more serious than the ongoing destruction caused by terrorism and if timely attention was not paid, the country may turn into a barren land. He also expressed concern over reported corruption in building houses for earthquake victims. Discussion was also held on pollution in Rawal Dam and shortage of gas supply in Mansehra.



39. In the meeting held on **28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**, The Committee was briefed on the implementation status of its recommendations and discussion was held on the production of kerosene oil.
40. A **sub-committee was constituted** under the convener-ship of Senator Sardar M. Azam Musakhail to investigate and enquire into the discipline in the allocation and construction of telecom towers as well as implementation and proper usage of USF in less developed areas. The sub-committee held meetings with USF on **3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017**
41. In the meeting held on **9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**, on the discussion on Utility Stores Corporation, the Committee was informed that two Utility Stores in Mohmand and Bajaur agencies each were operational since 2006 and another twelve stores were launched in Miranshah, Mir Ali, Molay Khan, Khoi Bahara, Parachinar, Sadda, Kalaya, Darra Bazar, Shin Dand, FR Peshawar, Landi Kotal and Sur Khar Khajoori in the last quarter of 2016. Moreover, out of a total of 5279 stores (including 885 franchises), 2869 were in operation in Punjab, 1196 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 691 in Sindh, 294 in Balochistan, 112 in Azad Jammu & Kashmir, 103 in Gilgit-Baltistan and 14 in FATA.
42. In the meeting held on **19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017**, Planning division informed the Committee that an amount of Rs.280 billion was allocated in the Federal PSDP 2016-2017 for less developed areas. In addition to federal governments, provincial governments allocate large amount of funds for development of LDAs in their respective Annual Development Plans. Ministry of Finance told the Committee that it was working on the issue of waiving off of loans in compliance to Senate Resolution No. 289 unanimously passed by the Upper House in its sitting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2016. Moreover, outstanding amount of agricultural loans in Balochistan stood at Rs.867 million including markup of Rs.106 million as of November 30, 2016. Since the loans were taken from commercial banks, the State Bank, when approached, said such waivers or reliefs would promote a default culture with negative impact on the financial position of commercial banks. Therefore, in view of the financial constraints, further waiver of loans in Balochistan would not be possible.
43. In the meeting held on **15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**, a detailed briefing was given by Chairman, Evacuee Trust Properties Board, Mr. Siddique-ul-Farooq, who explained the role of the Board as per the Nehru-Liaquat Agreement [of 1950 on the security and rights of minorities] and said the Board does not necessarily work in the Less Developed Areas of Pakistan.
44. In the meeting held on **16<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**, Ministry of IPC apprised the Committee on the implementation status of the recommendations of the Committee one by one. Out of the 15 recommendations given by the Committee in its meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2016 a number of recommendations have been complied with. The Committee while showing satisfaction over the implementation status of some of the recommendations further directed the Ministry of IPC to expedite the process of implementing the rest of the recommendations of the Committee, where necessary,



by issuing reminders to concerned departments and also bring them along in the next meeting of the Committee when such agenda item will be taken up again, especially Officials from Pakistan Cricket Board and Higher Education Commission.

45. In the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**, Chairman NADRA gave a detailed briefing on the overall performance and future plans of NADRA. He discussed NADRA's role as card supplier and a repository of records adding that NADRA had so far issued 110 million CNICs to Pakistani nationals including two million cards issued free of cost during 2016-2017 and 300,000 CNICs to special persons (disabled). Details were offered on the growth of Data Acquisition Units or DAUs that stood at 800 including five Mega centres in Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi. The company receives no funds from the government as it charges Rs.976 from card applicants. A total of 160,286 CNICs had been blocked by NADRA of confirmed aliens and alien confirmed families. A province-wise detail was provided to the Committee.
46. In the meeting held on **16<sup>th</sup> June, 2017**, the committee was briefed about the implementation status of recommendations of the previous meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2016. The Committee was informed that 820 small dams and 8 medium dams had been constructed in Balochistan while work on 234 more small dams and 4 medium dams was under process. The Committee, however, observed that out of these 820 dams, around 600 dams had already been filled with silt because of ineffective quality of work during construction.
47. In the meeting held on **12<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**, the Committee recommended paying more attention to moral education in campuses in the light of a think tank's claim that as many as 53 percent of student in elite private schools were drug addicts. The survey's findings were based on 44 institutions, and when shared at a meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, triggered a debate on the alarming number of students addicted to heroin, hashish, opium etc. The findings were so alarming that the matter was taken up in Parliamentary Committee meetings which recommended a better environment for students to enable better quality of education.
48. In the meeting held on **19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**, The Minister for National Commission for Human Development said that funds for educational institutions organized by communities and the National Commission for Human Development have increased. The National Action Plan for Education was started in all four provinces for community, the Committee was told. Details of Ongoing and Proposed Projects in Less Developed Areas of all four Provinces and FATA were presented before the Committee. An amount of Rs.35,662,801 million has been allocated under Public Sector Development Program for the financial year 2017-2018 for 169 development projects including 101 ongoing/new approved projects and 68 unapproved projects of the Higher Education Commission and Universities/Institutes. Out of allocation, 34 percent of funds to the tune of Rs.12,259.501 million have been allocated for 57 projects of Universities/Institutes from Less Developed Areas of all four Provinces and FATA, and that the educational budget of four districts of Gilgit-Baslistan and



less developed areas of Azad Jammu and Kashmir has been increased, the committee was informed.

49. In the meeting held on **23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017**, Managing Director APP said he was keeping up with the latest technology such as production of news footage and feeding local and international channels via FTP and DVDs. Moreover, the Committee was informed that APP's news operation had improved by training and capacity building of staff, strengthening of district correspondents, revamping of pictorial coverage and up-gradation of Video News Service such as introduction of DSNG, earth station, camera and editing machines etc. On PNCA, the Committee was informed that PNCA had future plans to set up PNCA Centres and regional offices in Quetta, Peshawar, GB and AJK; arrange national visual art exhibitions; national artists' convention for better understanding and unity as well as national theatre festival in regional and national languages; national film festival; national calligraphy exhibition; Rising Pakistan celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> independence and CPEC Cultural Caravan.
50. In the meeting held on **19<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**, Chairman Committee directed that contract employees whose contract had expired must leave and that the Ministry of Finance may resolve the financial matters including salary and arrears. He further stated that National Commission for Human Development's laws may be invoked to address the legitimate issues of employees and that all stakeholders may be consulted in the process. NCHD informed the Committee that employees had been paid their salaries till August and steps were being taken to address their issues.
51. In the meeting held on **6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, in a detailed briefing, Finance Division told the Committee that efforts were being made to resolve the issues that were basically structural, jurisdictional and administrative in nature. The issues started to emerge after the 18<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of Pakistan and the process of devolution.
52. In the meeting held on **10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, the Committee was informed that the Western Route passed through seven districts of Balochistan (all less developed area) namely Shirani, Zhob, Qila Saifullah, Pishin, Quetta, Mastung and Kalat. The land required for roads including by-passes was around 680 kilometers and the process of land acquisition was under way in coordination with Deputy Commissioners of these districts. Chairman NHA assured the Committee that the process of land acquisition would be completed by the end of 2017. The Committee raised questions about low cost of land offered, lack of trees along the roads and lack of motorway police.
53. In the meeting held on **11<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, Implementation status and para-wise comments on Committee Recommendations of 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 were presented in a written testimony by the Planning Commission.
54. In the meeting held on **19<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, Advisor Finance Division informed the Committee that NCHD had promoted thirteen employees which act was out of step with the law. Additional Secretary Education added that NCHD had an



extraordinary meeting presided over by its Chairperson, Razina Alam Khan in which Joint Secretary Ministry of Education registered a dissenting note on the promotions. Chairman Committee and Members showed displeasure over what came up in the discussion as obstacles raised by the NCHD and warned that such an attitude amounted to breach of the parliament and was an offense to NCHD employees which could not be tolerated. DG NCHD promised to revisit the issue in the Governing Body meeting scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

55. In the meeting held on **27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**, The Committee was informed that all employees of NCHD including the 72 employees had been paid their salary for the month of October 2017; however, there may be some delay in the salary actually reaching their bank accounts. Disciplinary action against agitators: Director-General NCHD, who represented Commission's Chairperson who was stated to be unwell, assured the Committee that no disciplinary action would be taken against employees who had joined the sit-in in Islamabad. She said this was decided in the meeting chaired by Honorable Federal Minister for Education.
56. In the meeting held on **2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017**, the Ministry of National Health Services apprised the committee about implementation status of committees' earlier recommendations on budget. It further informed that the subject of health has been devolved to the provinces; therefore, service delivery is the responsibility of the provinces. However, the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform advised the Ministry of National Health to consider all three recommendations as per rules and policy. The Ministry of NHS stated in its written response that the federal government would provide technical support, vaccines for the treatment of allergies, medicines for the treatment of TB and provision of mosquito bed nets.
57. In the meeting held on **23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017**, Lok Virsa presented a budget of Rs.50 crores as recommended by the Senate Committee but it was not accepted by the Ministry of Information rather Lok Virsa was advised that it will get a 10 percent increase in the last budget. Lok Virsa has increased its cultural outreach to provinces such as lok melas in Karachi and Lahore along with 200 performers and artists from the rural areas which attracted a lot of cultural diversity.
58. In the meeting held on **4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017** the Committee was informed by the Ministry of Energy that the ECC in October 2016 has approved the installation of LPG Air Mix plants in Zhob, QillaSaifullah, Loralai, Kharan, Qilla Abdullah, Turbat, Khuzdar, Uthal, Windar, Kili Khanzai, Muslim Bagh, Chaman, Shirani, Sanjawi, Chaghi, Panjgur, Washuk, Sohbatpur, Barkhan, Bagh, Mitri, Jhal Magsi, Kohlu, Lehri, Awaran, Bela, Harnai and Musakhel. However, only one plant has been installed in Noshki and the two Sui companies are either waiting for a sovereign guarantee from the Finance Division to borrow money from commercial banks or they are working on the installation processes.
59. In the meeting held on **09<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**, the Committee was informed by the Director General, NCHD that Service Regulations for NCHD employees have been published in the Gazette of Pakistan and implemented from 05<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The same have been circulated to all employees across the country. It was added



that cases of 83 employees from Balochistan were found complete and AGPR has issued personal numbers to them and they are getting their salaries through AGPR from January, 2018. The cases of remaining employees received from provinces were in incomplete which would be forwarded to AGPR after completion for process of their salaries.

60. The Additional Secretary apprised the Committee that Ministry of Interior imposed a moratorium on issuance of NOCs after introduction of National Action Plan. He added that in view of the problems of less developed areas; the policy was revised and it was decided to issue NOCs to those companies whose clearances received from security agencies (IB, ISI & MI). Accordingly, NOCs were issued to six (06) companies whose clearance was received from agencies. It was further informed that cases of commercial use of explosive material received from Ministry of Industries and Production are referred to the security agencies for clearance and thereafter on receipt of clearance the Ministry of Interior issued NOCs.



## **KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Key recommendations made during the meetings conducted till date, are as following:-

### **Ministry of Planning, Development and Reform:**

1. The Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform should ensure to take up case with the Federal Bureau of Statistics for undertaking fresh and comprehensive survey of the districts/areas falling in Less Developed Areas.
2. The Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform should ensure to review the current budgetary allocation against new and ongoing projects in less developed districts with a view to increase the share in coordination with the provinces.
3. The Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform should ensure to arrange separate briefings for the Functional Committee on the following issues, namely:
  - i. Allocation of funds for less developed districts of the country, its utilization and implementation status;
  - ii. Detail review and appraisal of PSDP projects (new and ongoing) falling in Less Developed Areas of the country;
  - iii. Detail briefing on Pak-China Economic Corridor with particular emphasis on its connectivity and linkages with the less developed areas of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan; and
  - iv. Steps taken so far by the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform in developing the less developed areas of the country.
4. The Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform should ensure to include projects/schemes relating to building of new water reservoirs and conservation of water in the PSDP, 2015-2016 of Less Developed Areas.
5. The Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform, while determining the backwardness of remote areas of less developed areas, should ensure to take into consideration the factors such as lack of access to basic amenities e.g. water and healthcare. The Committee recommended that ongoing projects should be completed before new projects are launched and when a project is listed in the PSDP, the allocated funds should be released well in time to ensure its completion.
6. Water management was the core issue of the province of Balochistan for which the Committee recommended construction of 3,000 to 4,000 very small dams ( $\leq$  10 meters high) on priority basis to avert an impending exodus from the province of Balochistan to the provinces of Sindh and Punjab in case of drought.
7. The Committee recommends that physical and financial details of all projects in the less developed districts initiated in the last 5 years may be provided to the Committee including province-wise and district-wise data along with PSDP number and Financial Year.
8. The Committee recommends that details of foreign funding for projects in less developed areas may be provided to the Committee.



9. The Committee recommends that an analysis of the development process for the less developed areas in the light of Strategic Development Goals (SDGs) may be provided to the Committee.
10. The Committee recommends that reasons may be allotted for not approving the less developed areas projects or else they may be approved after completing the due process.
11. The Committee recommends that fresh funds may be committed in the upcoming Budget to the ongoing projects in the less developed areas rather than bringing forward the lapsed amounts from this year in order to show bumped up figures.
12. The Committee recommends that funds may be approved and released for Muslim Bagh and Sibi Universities and compliance report may be presented in the Committee's next meeting.

#### **Ministry of Water and Power**

13. The Committee appreciated the efforts of the government especially the Minister of State for Water and Power for his untiring efforts to overcome the issue of power outages as well as initiatives being taken to enhance the capacity of transmission lines from 13000 MW to 16900 MW.
14. The Ministry of Water and Power should evolve a comprehensive strategy for generation of electricity in order to cater the future requirements. A report in that regard may be provided to the Committee.
15. The Ministry of Water and Power should provide province-wise details of cases of disciplinary action against their employees who were found involved in the corruption and malpractices, indicating also the criteria laid down for the same along with the penalties imposed thereof during the last five years, to the Committee before the next meeting.
16. The Committee directed the Ministry of Water & Power to implement Rules of Procedure and ensure the appointments on merit by strictly observing provincial quota.
17. The Ministry of Water & Power should ensure to make immediate arrangements for recruitment against 739 vacant posts reserved for the Balochistan Province under the Aghaz-e-Haqooq-e-Balochistan Package. A report in that regard may be provided to the Committee within one month.
18. The Committee recommends that the eligibility condition of Retired Army personnel fixed for the 3500 vacant posts of Security Guards, QESCO, may be relaxed in order to provide opportunity to the local energetic youth of Balochistan Province. A report in that regard may be provided to the Committee within one month.



19. The Ministry of Water and Power should ensure to provide details of funds allocated during the current financial year, for the up-gradation of transmission lines to curtail line losses, to the Committee before the next meeting.
20. Monitoring committees will be constituted at provincial and district level for the agricultural tube-well connections to settle the issues of farmers. The Committees will start their functions within 15 days.
21. The Provincial Committee will be headed by the Chief Minister Balochistan consisting of Senators and MNAs of the province.
22. Subsidy to the tube well consumers will be borne by the federal and provincial governments according to settled formula. All the stakeholders should fulfill their obligations in this regard.
23. The Ministry of Water and Power should vigorously pursue the development schemes / cases approved and release of funds with the Planning and Finance Division especially for the power generation projects.
24. The Committee noted with concern that the Ministry could not get the wind data and even could not identify the sites due to non existence of anybody so far.
25. Ministry should submit a detailed report regarding appointment of graduate engineers, and also on promotion given to the post of SDOs in the QESCO. Detail of different transmission lines being laid in the province of Balochistan with progress of work of each transmission line may be provided.
26. Sufficient funds may be provided for the up-gradation of the grid stations in the province.
27. The line losses due to all other factors should not be transferred to the farmers.
28. QESCO will provide daily 8 hours electricity with full voltage to the farmers.
29. Federal government should go on solarization of the tube wells in Balochistan on priority basis.
30. Steps may be taken for 32,800 mw to meet future requirements.
31. Details of follow up on the Recommendations of the Functional Committee may be submitted to the Committee on regular basis.
32. The Transmission lines of Chashma, DIK and Zobe may be completed upto 2016 on emergency basis.
33. The recruitment process of 3 thousand vacant posts of Balochistan may be ensured as soon as possible.



34. Approval of the project for generating electricity for Quetta Thermal Power may be given upto 200/300 MW instead of 24 MW.
35. Work should early be started on the Balochistan projects especially for constructing new grid stations, already included in the Federal PSDP of 2015.
36. Dr. Abdul Malik, Chief Minister Balochistan, assured the Committee, that the Provincial Government will extend all possible its support to the farmers to resolve the problems; he, however, advised the farmers association to pay their monthly bills in time enabling the government to lay new transmission lines.
37. This Committee recommends that hundred percent gas connections may be provided in less developed areas on priority basis. Moreover, gas may be given to mountainous areas first in order to discourage deforestation and full supply of gas may be given to the coldest areas of Balochistan namely Kalat, Quetta and Ziarat.
38. This Committee recommends that immediate steps may be taken to provide clean drinking water to Sibi and Chaghi where arsenic-mixed water is resulting in outbreak of diseases.
39. This Committee recommends that gas connections may be given to districts hosting the Pak-Iran Gas Pipeline.
40. This Committee recommends that data may be provided on the comparison between the percentage of population facilitated by Gas of each province in the next meeting.
41. This Committee recommends that there may be egalitarian development of all districts of Pakistan including FATA to save the country from division.

**Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms (BISP):**

42. The survey conducted by the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), is resting on lack of candidness evenhandedness, impartiality and even unauthentic as the campaigners of the survey were not technically and thoroughly trained for such a significant matter, which deprived certain underprivileged, deserved, meager and necessitous peoples.
43. In the next meeting of the Functional Committee, the BISP should tabulate its plan before the Committee for the forthcoming survey for the consideration, consultation and recommendations of the Committee and the completion of the next recommended survey should be ensured upto December 2015, through well reputed companies.
44. Expressing its disquietude over the non release of allocated sufficient funds to the deserved people as about 21 lacks beneficiaries are not receiving the benefices out of 53 lacks which is a huge difference; the Committee advised that the non entertained people may therefore, be subsidized by conducting and ensuring transparent survey, as soon as possible.



45. To ensure parity in declaration and distribution with respect to financial facilitation in all the regions of the State, the Committee noted that there are certain more underprivileged areas comparing the 32 districts which have been declared as less developed areas, and advised that special concentration may be given to FATA along-with Balochistan as FATA is also center of sense of deprivation due to insurgencies.
46. The BISP should run its affairs in consultation with the provinces especially in the process of selection for beneficiaries.
47. The Committee advised that there should be a close supervisory body over the affairs of the BISP as the ideology of Check & Balance is a unique way to scold the oversights of any institution.
48. The Banking system for beneficiaries may also be launched in the far flung areas of the province of Balochistan.
49. The banks committed any oversight with respect to facilitate the beneficiaries, should be reprimanded in the interest of the stranded women.
50. 50% grant may be reserved for the districts falling in less developed areas;
51. Complaint Centers of BISP should be made more effective and efficient;
52. Criterion of selection of needy persons may be amended for giving benefits to more and poorer people.
53. All needy persons of every district of the country may be included in the list of beneficiaries.
54. Strict action may be taken against fraudulent telephone calls/messages regarding wrong information of BISP programs.
55. Service charges may be paid to the banks only after the service delivery and not in advance.
56. Like other provinces, the BISP should establish Tehsil level offices too in the province of Balochistan.
57. BISP management should improve its service delivery to stop the corruption in the disbursement of amount.
58. The vacant posts may be fulfilled through fresh appointments rather than relying on deputation to run the affairs of the BISP more efficiently and expeditiously.
59. Expressing its concern over a huge number of deputations in the BISP, the Committee advised that the functioning of deputation may be restricted and the institution should be made non-political in all its matters. The Committee also



advised to present details pertaining to deputationists serving in BISP in all over the country.

60. Strict disciplinary action may be taken against the officials who do not perform their duties in the regions/offices for which they have been appointed.
61. Urging to take legal and strict disciplinary action against the fake degrees holders, who have been appointed against the Balochistan quota, the Committee recommended that all the appointments may be ensured on fair and transparent basis.
62. The post of Regional Director for Balochistan may be filled at the earliest.
63. Action may be taken against the corrupt and inefficient elements in BISP.

**Ministry of Information Broadcasting and National Heritage:**

64. The Ministry of Information Broadcasting and National Heritage should ensure to provide to the Committee before the next meeting the details of recruitments made against various posts in the ministry, its attached departments, corporations and autonomous bodies in the less developed areas of South Punjab division-wise.
65. The ministry should devolve a strategy with regard to verification of domiciles of applicants from the Province of Balochistan prior to issuance of offer of appointments. A report in that regards may be provided to the Committee before the next meeting.
66. The defective transmitters of Radio Station Quetta should be replaced by new one as early as possible.
67. The outstanding dues of writers, poets, singers and drama artists, who work for Pakistan TV Quetta and Peshawar Centers, should be cleared at the earliest. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before the next meeting.
68. A report should be provided to the Committee before the next meeting regarding number of dramas allowed to be telecasted on PTV Quetta and Peshawar Centers along with funds provided in that regard for the last three years.
69. Approval for new dramas, drama serials of Pashto and other local languages for PTV Quetta and Peshawar Centers should be given along with the sufficient funds for this purpose. A report in that regards may be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
70. A report regarding details of time reserved for Pashto and other local language programs in Quetta and Peshawar Centers may be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
71. New Cameras should be provided in PTV Quetta and Peshawar Centers.



72. Likes and dislikes may be avoided while inviting the dignitaries in talk shows of PTV Quetta and Peshawar Centers and the representatives of all political parties, economists, experts and singers of the less developed areas should be invited in those talk shows.
73. The editing system of PTV Quetta and Peshawar Centers should be improved by providing adequate funds in that regards.
74. The outstanding salaries of employees of PTV Home, Quetta should be paid as early as possible. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before the next meeting.
75. Necessary steps may be taken to provide three more Pashto Producers in PTV Quetta Centre. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
76. The facilities of Audio Panel System, NIES and Digital Converter in PTV Quetta Centre should be provided.
77. The Committee unanimously appreciated the best working of PTV Bolan, Quetta.
78. Arrangements may be made for installation of studio lights in PTV Centre, Quetta.
79. Outstanding dues of Rs.3 million of PTV Quetta Centre should be cleared as early as possible. A report in that regards should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
80. The Secretary, Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage and M.D. PTV should pay visits to PTV Centres, Quetta and Peshawar at least once in a year to see the on ground situation in order to resolve the problems being faced to those centers by hearing the views of concerned persons. Likewise the D.G Radio should also pay visits of Radio Pakistan Quetta. In case of any issue the Committee would assists the said visits and arrange the meeting of the concerned persons with them.
81. The Radio and FM Radio broadcasts in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa should be upgraded in order to provide awareness to the general public on important issues and parliamentary proceedings.
82. The Ministry of Information Broadcasting & National Heritage should ensure to provide criteria of issuance of license of FM Radio to the Committee before the next meeting. The license of those FM Radio owners given in Balochistan should be cancelled who do not run it. The license should be given to those owners who actually run their broadcasts.



83. The Committee recommends that more radio programmes should broadcast for women all over the country especially for the women of Balochistan after 10.00 a.m.
84. The people belonging to the less developed areas of the country should be included in foreign cultural visits. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
85. The Committee demands that the PTV should ensure to take steps to establish all regional languages (Pashto, Balochi, Sindi, Saraiki, Punjabi and others) channel on 24 hours basis. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
86. The Committee recommends that parliamentary proceedings should be telecasted live and more time should be given on PTV for parliament issues. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
87. The Ministry of Information Broadcasting and National Heritage should ensure to provide a report to the Committee, before next meeting, about the time given to the parliamentarians on PTV alongwith details of time given to the peoples belonging to the less developed areas of the country.
88. All vacant posts in the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage and its attached departments should be filled in accordance with the provincial quota at the earliest. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
89. The Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage should ensure to take steps to establish Cultural Hall in all the provincial headquarters especially in Quetta and Peshawar districts Tharparkar, Muzaffargarh, Multan and FATA for cultural shows and other regional shows on cheaper rates. Necessary funds should be allocated in the budget. A report in that regard should be provided to the Committee before next meeting.
90. The Ministry of Information Broadcasting & National Heritage should ensure to enhance the financial assistance amount of Artists.
91. All visiting students of all the Universities and Colleges of all the provinces especially province of Balochistan should be invited to see the PTV Centre and Lok Virsa Museum Islamabad.
92. Students belonging to district Thar presently studying in different Universities and Colleges of Islamabad should be invited in the above said places and short duration interviews for PTV should also be taken from those students.

#### **Ministry of National Food Security and Research**

93. The Government should allocate adequate funds during the next financial year for the Ministry of National Food Security & Research in order to establish more Research Centers for conducting research activities in the fields of Food,



Agriculture, Water, Fisheries and Livestock, in the less developed areas of the country.

94. The Provincial Ministers for Agriculture should attend the meetings of the Federal Committee on Agriculture as and when convened for playing their vital role in making recommendations for the improvement of agriculture in order to resolve the issues relating thereof.
95. The Provincial Governments of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan should allocate adequate funds for the establishment of Research Centers at Division levels in the fields of Agriculture and Livestock in coordination with the Federal Ministry of National Food Security & Research.
96. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should establish Research Centers in the field of Agriculture & Livestock in the Dera Ghazi Khan Division enabling the people of the area to be benefited from the expertise of the Research Centers.
97. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take initiatives for research on plantation of Tea in the area of Mansehra.
98. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should allocate sufficient funds for the establishment of Research Centers in the Province of Balochistan for the production and plantation of Olives and Zafran. Similarly Livestock Research Centers should also be established in that Province in order to educate the farmers to deal with the affairs and problems relating to the livestock.
99. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should conduct research on the plantation of Pomegranate and Dates in the Province of Balochistan.
100. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take steps to establish more Agricultural Research Centers at each Division level in the Province of Balochistan and an Agriculture Research Center in Zhob, Balochistan.
101. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take steps to continue farmers training especially for the less developed areas and FATA.
102. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take steps to resolve the issue of water shortage in the less developed areas of the country.
103. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take steps to utilize funds according to the requirements of the less developed areas of the country.
104. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take steps to install/establish Wind Units in Chaghi.
105. The government should take steps to establish Coal and Solar Power Projects in the province of Baluchistan.



106. The Government should take steps to establish small dams in Baluchistan especially in the less developed areas in the country.
107. The government should allocate sufficient funds for the less developed areas of the country especially for FATA.
108. The government should take steps to initiate projects in CPEC for the less developed areas of the country in the field of energy and railways.
109. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should reserve separate employment quota for the people of the less developed areas of the country.
110. The government should ensure to reserve 50% quota for the people of the less developed areas of the country in the Benazir Income Support Program.
111. The Ministry of National Food Security & Research should take steps to overcome health diseases in the less developed areas of the country.

**Ministry of States and Frontier Regions:**

112. The Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that FATA should also be brought at par with other parts of the country in terms of socio-economic development.
113. The Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that FATA should be developed on priority basis, as it has been neglected in the past.
114. The literacy rate in FATA is around 33% so Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that it should be increased to 70-80%. Education is the key to mental development which leads to human development.
115. In FATA, there is one doctor for every 6000 people; The Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that budget allocation for health should be doubled. The provision of hospitals, doctors and medicines should also be improved.
116. The levies personnel who are serving in FATA are facing many hardships, they are very brave and fulfilling their duties diligently, like army and police they also embrace shahdat for the country, but their salary is only Rs. 16000. Their salaries should be revised and brought at par with police, and their families also be given Shaheed Package like police, if any Levies personnel give their lives for the country.
117. The Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that levies personnel should be equipped with latest weapons, communication systems and latest training should be given to them.
118. Government compensated the affectees of Mangla Dam, but the affectees of Tarbela Dam were not properly compensated and they are still suffering extreme



hardships, such as people of Umb, tanool etc. The Committee recommends the that they should also be given proper compensation

119. The Committee also decided that the Proof of Registration (PoR) record of Afghan Mahajareen. Who are returning from Pakistan should be properly maintained and updated.
120. The Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that FATA should be made as free economic zone.
121. The Committee recommends the Ministry of SAFRON that the infrastructure and roads of FATA should be improved.
122. The Committee further decided that they will visit FATA and met the people of the area to get on ground information about the problems of the people.
123. The Planning, Development and Reforms Division should provide the details of the projects of Health, Education and Water in the less developed areas of the country.
124. The government should take steps to establish a separate ministry for the less developed areas of the country.
125. The government should allocate more funds for the welfare of the people of the less developed areas of Baluchistan.
126. The government should take steps to conduct a survey of the less developed areas of the country through Bureau of Statistics and allocate to funds for the people of the less developed areas of the country on the basis of the survey.
127. The Committee recommends the Planning Commission and Finance Division that full share/quota of funds should be provided to the province of Balochistan on urgent basis
128. The government should take necessary steps for the development of Livestock of the less developed areas of the country especially the province of Baluchistan.
129. This Committee recommends that a major highway may be constructed to interlink all agencies of FATA and adjoining Frontier Regions and an airport may be constructed in Parachinar. And that FATA may be connected with CPEC.
130. The Committee recommends that mineral resources of FATA including deposits of coal in Dara Adamkhel, copper and reserves of oil and gas may be safeguarded. Moreover, exploration of natural resources and minerals may be sped up.
131. The Committee recommends that cottage, small and large industry may be set up in FATA particularly dairy farming and electricity, natural gas and mobile connections may be provided to all households.



132. The Committee recommends that downstream industry including packaging may be set up to promote the green and black olive crop and more attention may be

**Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination**

133. The Committee directed that in future the secretary of the ministry shall ensure to attend the meetings of the Committee or depute his nominee not below the rank of Additional Secretary, as required under the Senate rules
134. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take immediate steps for the people of FATA, Gilgit Baltistan and other less developed areas of the country for curing diseases of TB, HIV AIDs and Malaria\
135. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should ensure to launch special awareness campaign on electronic and print media. More focus should be given on Radio channels in all local languages as it was widely accessible in the less developed areas of the country
136. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps for capacity building of the trainers by imparting training to the master trainers.
137. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps to launch Polio Campaign in all the less developed areas of the country.
138. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should, in collaboration with all the provincial governments, provide proper security to the Polio team members. Proper checkup should be made for children regarding Polio vaccination in all public and private schools of the less developed areas, at the time of their admission in the schools.
139. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should ensure to take strict action against the people who either put obstacles in the Polio eradication campaign or did not fully cooperates for its implementation.
140. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps for arranging visits of Health officials to all the less developed areas. A report in that regards may be provided to the committee before its next meeting.
141. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should involve all the parliamentarians, especially members of the Senate and ministers for eradication of TB and HIV Aids from the country
142. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps for making the treatment of TB through vaccination simple for the people of the less developed areas of the country.



143. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps to involve local bodies in the fight against disease of TB, HIV, AIDs and Malaria.
144. Priority should be accorded to the areas of the Zhob, Kalat, Qila Saifullah, Loralai, Shirani, Mosakhel, Ziarat, Harnai, Pishin, Qillah Abdullah, Sibbi, Barakan, Noshki, Naserabad, Jafarabad, Malakand, Hazara and South Punjab for curing the disease of TB, HIV, AIDs and Malaria.
145. The Committee showed its concern over the provision of inaccurate data by the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination and directed that correct and actual data based on ground realities should be provided to the committee before the next meeting.
146. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take immediate steps to stop the practice of sale of vaccination, received from international donors, in the commercial markets.
147. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps to provide basic health facilities to the people of less developed areas of the country, which was the basic responsibility of the government under the constitution.
148. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should ensure to register an FIR against those employees who do not cooperate and refused to administer polio drops to their children. The Committee also recommends the Ministry, in coordination with the Ministry of Interior and NADRA should also ensure to block CNICs of the above said employees along with the departmental action against them.
149. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps to introduce a Bill in either House of the Parliament proposing therein strict action against those persons who refused and do not cooperate with the polio team in connection with administering polio drops to their children. The Functional Committee would support the same.
150. The Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination should take steps to establish modern laboratories for conducting tests of disease of Malaria, Hepatitis, etc. up to the level of tehsils in the less developed areas of the country.

**Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training:**

151. The Committee recommended that full share/quota of funds may be provided to the province of Balochistan on urgent basis.
152. The Committee recommends that a committee should be constituted to discuss and monitor the issue of fake domiciles in Balochistan. Furthermore, notification



may be issued by the Committee to the provincial government of Balochistan and district administrations to make domicile issuing procedure more stringent.

153. The Committee recommends that data on district-wise scholarships for the province of Punjab may be provided to the Committee.
154. The Committee recommends that the Higher Education Commission (HEC) may release funds to students who were completing their courses.
155. The Committee recommends that more seats may be allocated to students from the province of Balochistan in Punjab province's educational institutions as well as provide boarding and lodging to already enrolled students in Lahore's thirty hostels.
156. The Committee recommends that more foreign scholarships may be provided to the less developed districts including FATA according to a procedure that is transparent. And that the Higher Education Commission (HEC) may take the leading role in providing scholarships to less developed areas and set the right direction.
157. The Committee recommends that all recommendations of the Committee may be provided to the Ministry for necessary action.
158. The Committee recommends that veterinary and Mining Universities/training centers may be set up in Ziarat, Zhob, Chaman and Noshki etc so that the local artisans/labour may get an opportunity to take part in the manufacturing of finished products
159. The Committee recommends that the honorarium of BECS teachers may be increased to Rs.15, 000/- per month by allocating funds from PSDP, furthermore, the issue of low honorarium may be taken up in the Senate and other fora.
160. The Committee recommends that Rs.500 and Rs.300 may be disbursed among female and male students respectively to provide incentive to increase literacy rate in poor localities.
161. The Committee recommends that National Vocational & Technical Training Commission, NAVTTC should perform the task of execution in addition to planning.

#### **Ministry of Climate Change**

162. Ministry of Climate Change should come up with projects to benefit from the \$100 billion fund set up by the United States, China *et al* to offer assistance to countries affected by climate change. Moreover, the funds should be used to save Pakistan from natural disasters such as floods, deforestation and drought etc caused by climate change Chairman Committee told the Committee that under the COP21 agreement, the major contributors to climate change such as US and China have set up a fund base of \$100 billion adding that Pakistan ranks



in top ten countries affected by climate change whereas it ranks 135<sup>th</sup> among polluters.

163. The Committee recommends that the real culprits of climate change including industries in highly developed areas should be clearly identified and action should be taken against them. Moreover, emphasis should be laid on hydel, solar and wind power projects.
164. The Committee recommends that in a natural disaster less developed areas of Pakistan should get equal attention and relief funds based on merit.
165. The Committee recommends that standing forests in northern parts and Balochistan should be protected from felling by people in less developed areas who are forced to burn wood for cooking and keeping warm in sub-zero temperature. Moreover, vigorous afforestation efforts should be carried out in less developed areas especially those hit by floods and they should be given access to natural gas.

#### **Ministry of Railways**

166. Chairman Committee identified that the Western route (i.e. from Quetta to Havelian via Dera Ismail Khan, Kotla Jam) is 900 kilometers shorter than Western route i.e. (from Quetta to Havelian via Sibi, Jacobabad, Multan, Rawalpindi and Peshawar). Therefore, Western Route will benefit the State in terms of financial savings, time as well as long term benefits. Moreover, this route will also facilitate connectivity with Europe (KPK, Baluchistan, Iran, Turkey) as well with China, but this route is not being constructed by government or the Ministry of Railways so Ministry of railway and P&D Commission may consider it and put it in early harvest if they want to serve national interest or to strengthen the economy of the country.

#### **NADRA**

167. NADRA to make sure that the verification documents demanded in FATA and Balochistan to establish applicant's nationality should be the same documents that are demanded in other provinces.

#### **Lok Virsa**

168. The Committee strongly recommends that the budget of LokVirsa may be increased from Rs.8 crores to Rs.50 crores
169. Cultural Centres must be set up in all provinces and regions to promote the variegated heritage found in less developed areas.
170. The works of artisans and folk musicians of far-flung less developed areas may be recorded in one comprehensive device such as DVD which can be showcased to the new generation as well as the world through Cultural Attaches' in our Embassies abroad.
171. A cultural day may be celebrated every calendar year to showcase our cultures to foreign Ambassadors and dignitaries and inviting parliamentarians as well.



172. Each and every culture must be identified, recorded and promoted even if the community that owns the culture is in thousands. Moreover, all cultures of Pakistan including Pashtun, Baloch, Sindhi, Siraiki, Punjabi and other must receive equal respect. Special attention should be paid to the promotion of Potohari culture and cultures that are marginalized.

173. Lok melas may be held in GB, Peshawar and Quetta as well.

#### **Pakistan Baitul Mal**

174. The annual budget of Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal may be increased from Rs.4 billion to Rs.10 billion in consideration of its role in alleviating poverty in the society through a number of sustained projects.

175. PBM may disburse funds according to the need of patients and poverty in the Provinces rather than on formulae such as NFC.

#### **Ministry of Industries**

176. Educated youth of less developed areas should be given regular job opportunities in the Utilities Stores Corporation (USC).

177. Utility Stores Corporation should make arrangements to provide subsidy on all essential items for the whole year and not only during the month of Ramzan.

#### **Ministry of Finance**

178. The PLDA committee recommended that the farmers of Balochistan took about Rs. 1.5 billion real loans for water and agricultural purposes but they were unable to return it. They do not possess power in such conditions to pay off the loan. The loan amount has reached Rs.3 billion as the interest rate is applied to it.

#### **Associated Press of Pakistan (APP)**

179. News bureaus may be set up in Gwadar, Zhob, Sibi, Loralai, FATA and Swat in view of their growing strategic and commercial significance.

180. As less developed districts are almost marginalized when it comes to news coverage, this Committee recommends that a correspondent may be appointed there at the least.

#### **NCHD Employees Petition and Demands**

181. NCHD must abide by the decision of this Committee keeping in view that the Committee has a responsibility *inter alia* to resolve urgent public matters pertaining to the provinces.

182. As recommended earlier, all disciplinary actions including transfers etc taken against employees who are on agitation or affected employees throughout the country be withdrawn with immediate effect.



183. There should be Child Support Centres/schools in every tehsil of less developed areas beginning with setting up such centres at the district level because less developed areas are suffering from chronic poverty and the ratio of child labor is higher in these areas especially FATA and Balochistan.

#### **Ministry of Information Technology / USF**

184. The sub-committee constituted under the convener-ship of Senator Sardar M. Azam Musakhail to investigate and enquire into the discipline in the allocation and construction of telecom towers as well as implementation and proper usage of USF in less developed areas. The sub-committee held meetings with USF on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 proposed that there should be legislation against theft of fuel charges paid to contractors and sub-contractors for the purpose of running power generators on mobile tower sides which results in the stoppage of telecom services.
185. Moreover, telcoz should now move over to solar power supply which is cheaper than the traditional fossil fuel or the stuttered grid power supply.
186. The telecom towers should be installed on the properties having year land ownership revenue record instead of *shamilats* and hilltop properties of tribes to avoid any dispute among the local people.
187. The funds provided for the less developed areas should be incurred on the projects of these areas instead of irrelevant projects of developed areas.

#### **NCHD Employees Petition and Demands**


188. The Committee directed for implementation of court order for paying arrears to the employees of NCHD.
189. The Committee recommended that in view of seniority of Mr. Riaz, he may be restored to his previous position with all benefits.
190. The Committee decided that Establishment Division would decide the matter relating to creation of 2943 posts in NCHD and subsequently forward it to Finance Division within a period of two weeks.
191. The Committee also decided that on receipt of list for creation of posts in NCHD from Establishment Division the Finance Division would approve it within two weeks.
192. The Committee recommended that funds should be given to NCHD in regular budget.
193. The Committee recommended the issuance of explosive licenses by Ministry of Interior to at least three companies in Muslimbagh.



194. The Committee recommended that Ministry of Interior may issue licenses to those companies whose clearance did not reach within the stipulated time from security agencies.
195. The Committee directed the Ministries of Interior and Industries & Production to take concrete measures to ensure transparency in issuance of licenses and submit report in this regard to the Committee in its next meeting.
196. The Committee recommended that policy for issuance of licenses should be revisited by the Ministry of Interior to provide fair chance to other people who are working in the field of mining, besides, it may also seek details from the security agencies for denying clearance to the companies and report to the Committee in the next meeting.



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