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SPECIAL REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS

ON

THE PROCEDURE AND UTILIZATION OF FUNDS AND THE ON-GROUND
AVAILABILITY OF DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES IN TRIBAL DISTRICTS OF
ERSTWHILE FATA.

Presented by

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REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATES AND FRONTIER REGIONS (SAFRON) UNDER RULE 195 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE 2012.

I, Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), have the honor to submit, on behalf of the Committee, the report of the Committee on Result on Formation of Sub Committee to look in to the procedure and utilization of funds and to check the on-ground availability of development schemes in Tribal Districts of erstwhile FATA.

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

1.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Chairman
2.	Senator Shammim Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Danesh Kumar	Member
4.	Senator Gurdeep Singh	Member
5.	Senator Hidayatullah Khan	Member
6.	Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi	Member
7.	Senator Sania Nishtar	Member
8.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
9.	Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai	Member
10.	Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
11.	Senator Dost Muhammad Khan	Member

3. In Pursuance of Rule 183 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012, the Senate Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions (SAFRON), in its meeting held on 10th May, 2022, constituted a Sub-Committee Consisting of the following Members: -

Senator Sania Nishtar	Convener
Senator Hidayatullah	Member
Senator Haji Hidayatullah	Member

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Following were the Terms of Reference (TORs) of the Sub-Committee:-

"To look in to the procedure and utilization of funds and to check the on-ground availability of development schemes in Tribal Districts of erstwhile FATA."

4. The Sub-Committee visited Peshawar and subsequent visit to Tribal Districts of Khyber and Mohmand on 3rd August, 2022. The sub-Committee visited three points. The JAMRUD/KHYBER SURAKH QAMR solar power water plant that facilitate around 350 people and 60% of population of the area. There is no other water plant in the area. The other place is VETERINARY COMPLEX TEHSIL JAMRUD district Khyber. The sub-Committee praised the functioning of the veterinary hospital complex which includes semen production unit, civil veterinary Hospital and veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and last is SHAHEED ABDUL AZAM AFRIDI higher secondary school JAMRUD. The school faces challenges of funds. There is high dropout rate due to no high school, distance and travelling charges. The sub-Committee praised the school administration policy which involves engaging parent-teacher committees for upkeep of schools. The sub-Committee also praised the government's efforts regarding the availability of cost free books for students. The sub-Committee mentioned that although what she saw in an "organized visit" was a positive, this may not be generalizable, and a much deeper in-depth random assessment is needed. She said that her purpose is to ascertain weaknesses in the system which could then be bridged with systemic actions and reform.
5. The sub-Committee convened meeting in Chief Secretary Office was briefed about the 'NMDs Development Portfolio' procedure and utilization of funds. Briefed The sub-Committee was briefed about the developmental schemes, related to water, health, roads, education DWSS, mines, relief and rehabilitation, urban development, health, BOR and expenditures, monitoring, preparation and mechanism in the merged districts. The Chief Secretary informed the sub-Committee that due to shortage of funds, the government was unable to establish new offices for different departments including police stations and courts in the merged areas, adding that if

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the provincial government gets its due share from the NFC Award then these issues could be addressed, as the allocated 3% of divisible pool NFC award was received.

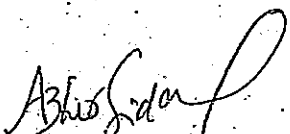
6. On the embezzled amount of Rs. 384.75 million of SDGs funds of Tribal District Mohmand which was paid to the contractor, the CS briefed that the provincial government of KPK has no control over it and the case is pending in NAB for prosecution. The matter may be taken with Pak PWD authorities.

7. The Sub-Committee after due deliberation unanimously gave the following recommendations: -

- i. A GIS system should be integrated with work schemes and system of loading of images should be introduced, so that pre, in progress and post images of the development can be monitored. This GIS interface should be publicly available and verifiable information on this should be the basis of fund release to vendors. (Note: subsequent to the meeting, the Chair explored capability at various government technology entities to ascertain if an off the shelf solution could be adopted for this purpose. As a result of the analysis, capability was identified within PITB. Chair has made the necessary briefings to PITB which need to be followed up.
- ii. The sub-Committee emphasized that the Procurement must be made strictly in accordance with KPPRA Rules. The procurement process should be fully on line on a public website along with all attachments till work order so that forensics and accountability may become easy. The sub-Committee directed that all steps including technical financial evaluation, performance guarantee by successful bidder, and issuance of Work Order must be made through the E-Tendering process and that there should neither be a paper trail in the process nor any space for discretionary decision making.
- iii. In view of the KP Government's explanation regarding limitations of Pak PWD to provide oversight on-ground, it was recommended provincial government should be the preferred executor of KP government's projects.

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- iv. It was recommended that quarterly presentation to (Deputy Chairman Planning Development & Special Initiatives) may be given so that the accountability may be done and misconception about wastage of FATA funds can be countered.
- v. The sub-Committee assured its support to government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in order to raise issue of allocation of 3% of divisible pool NFC to finance the special development of merged areas at the next meeting of the Senate Committee on States and Frontier's Regions and directed KPK government to provide all details of funds released under 3% of divisible pool NFC so far for the development of Merged District and its utilization report.
8. The report is being presented for perusal of the House, in the light of approval for submission granted by the Committee in view of report submitted by its Sub Committee.



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Secretary Committee



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Chairman S/Committee SAFRON

