TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PROVINCE (1st Meeting)

Date of Meeting	Main points Raised/ Discussed	PBS View Points		
First meeting (21st May, 2017)	gwhin points Kaiseu/ Discussed	• The minutes of Committee were not prepared. Doctor Muhammad Iqbal member of Sub-Committee informed during the meeting of Sub-Committee of Governing Council dated 7th July, 2017 (Minutes are annexed at "D") that he had interaction with the members of the Technical Sub-Committee of GC formed by the Government of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa who visited PBS and saw the protocols being adopted in Data Processing and scanning of REN-2 forms. The Technical Committee showed their satisfaction for the work done at PBS headquarter Islamabad.		

Subject:

RECORD NOTE ON THE 2ND MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON POPULATION CENSUS - 2017

Second meeting of the Technical Committee of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province on Population and Housing Census – 2017 was held in the Conference Room of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on 10th October, 2017 at 11.00 AM. List of participants is annexed.

2. Meeting started with the recitation of few verses from the holy Quran. The Chief Statistician thanked the participants for visiting PBS in connection with Census data processing and sparing their precious time for attending the meeting. Chairman Technical Committee thanked PBS for arranging this meeting for the members of the committee with the provisional results informed that he has seen the district level data released by PBS. He is satisfied results released by PB. However, (Haji Abdul Haq Khan) MPA advisor to Chief Minister Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and his team are also attending the meeting with members of the Technical Committee who have certain reservations/concerns pertaining to Census -2017 results released by PBS for Kohistan District in Census-2017. The Chief Statistician invited MPA from Kohistan District to express their concerns regarding Census -2017. Advisor to CM informed that during 1998-Census Population of Kohistan was under counted as people of Kohistan district went on strike during census operation. He submitted following statements showing the previous trend regarding population of Kohistan district

Name of area	Population 1972	Population 1981	Population 1998	Population 2017
Kohistan District	160647	465237	472570	784711
Dassu Tehsil	23.00 118.15	180124	133891	
Pattan Tehsil	N CONTRACTOR	161428	122211	
Palas Tehsil		123685	165613	
Kandia Tehsil			50855	

It is evident from the above data that during 1998-Census only 7,333 persons were increased in 17 years from 1981 to 1998 which shows under count during 1998.

The Consultant on Census (Mr. Asif Bajwa) asked the 3. honourable MPA had you registered any complaint in this regard® 😥 PBS has no such evidence available in our record regarding under-counting in the Kohistan District during 1998-Census. The visiting MPA informed that people of Pattan Tehsil boycotted the 1998-Census but now the census has been conducted in our presence which is correct. Representative of Kohistan informed that total population of Pattan tehsil should be at-least 6 lakh. On this Member (Census & Surveys) informed that in this way if we add other three tehsils then total population will come around 20 lakhs which is not believable due to presence of growth rates in the surrounding districts. Consultant informed that there will be some variation after processing of ICR Form-2. Therefore, we should wait till the detail results of Census-2017 are prepared and released. On the point of voter list, Consultant informed that this is not correct to take a voter list as base for population. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Member of the Committee informed that population of surrounding districts can be examined alongwith their household size which can serve as base for population of Kohistan District. It was informed that during 1961-72 there was 2.32% growth rate in the population while during 1972-81 there was 10.22% growth rate per annum which cannot be justified by normal demographic indicators without any cogent reason. MPA Haji Abdul Haq Khan suggested that your staff may visit the area and check the Four Union Councils for verification, if it is not possible then 1981 growth rate may be applied for projection of population of Kohistan district. Consultant suggested that 1972 growth can be applied for projection of population which is in line with other districts of KP. Chairman suggested that is if it possible to recount the people of Pattan tehsil the same process may be reported for the satisfaction of these people. On this, Consultant informed that there is a need to build same environment which was at the time of census and PBS has to take up the matter at appropriate level for a decision. This will also open a Pandora box which is not affordable as some segment of population are also voicing regarding less counting of population in their areas.

Member (C & S) highlighted the steps and methodology used for the 4. conduct of census and informed that editing coding of filled-in Census documents i.e. ICR Form-2 is in progress. The second part of ICR Form-2 which is data scanning/processing is also in progress simultaneously. The House was informed that provisional results have been compiled on the basis of Summary Form REN-2 which were prepared by the Enumerators in the field. While detailed results will be prepared on the basis of ICR Form-2, due to which minor changes in the provisional and final results can be observed. It was further informed that on the direction of Lahore High Court and Supreme Court of Pakistan, changes were made in the column of sex in order to count transgender and disabled population by assigning additional codes such as Code 3 for transgender, code 4 for disabled Male, code 5 for disabled Female and code 6 for disabled Transgender. The target for releasing of these detail results has been approved by the CCI which is end April, 2018. The participants were informed that during Census operation, it was observed that some blocks were beyond the prescribed limits of 200 to 250 houses. PBS splitted such blocks into manageable size, but Mouzas boundaries have not been violated which is sacrosanct for PBS. Chairman directed his IT expert to check each and every protocol which is being adopted for data processing and scanning and come up with a presentation which will be given to the Chief Minister KP. It was emphasized by the Consultant that these are provisional results which can be changed when final results will be available, Therefore, Chief Minister may be informed that ensuing elections 2018 will also be held on the basis of these provisional results as amendment in the Law is in the of approval stage.

- 5. At the end, Special Assistant to Chief Minister KP Chairman of the Committee appreciated the hard work done by PBS and for listening of ear issues with patience.
- 6. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Committee Members from the Chief Statistician and by the Consultant, PBS.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF K.P. PROVINCE HELD ON 10-10-2017

- 1) Mr. Arif Yousaf, Advocate, Special Assistant to Chief Minister
- 2) Mr. Asif Bajwa, Consultant on Census, PBS, Islamabad
- 3) Mr. Mahmood Akhtar, Chief Statistician, PBS, Islamabad
- 4) Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Member (C&S), PBS, Islamabad
- 5) Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqba, MGC, University of Peshawar
- 6) Mr. Abdul Haq Khan, Advisor to Chief Minister, KP
- 7) Mr. Tariq Mahmood, Director, Bureau of Statistics, KP
- 8) Mr. Bilal Muhammad, Deputy Director (Operations), KPIT Board
- 9) Mr. Shakirullah, Assistant Director, KPIT Board
- 10) Mr. Muhammad Bashir Janjua, DG (Admn), PBS, Islamabad
- 11) Mr. Khalid Hussain Bhatti, DDG, PBS, Islamabad
- 12) Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, JCC(G), PBS, Islamabad
- 13) Mr. Akhtar Ali Khan, JCC, PBS, Peshawar
- 14) Ms. Rabia Awan, Director (FO), PBS, Islamabad
- 15) Mr. Yasir Ishfaq, CSA, PBS, Islamabad
- 16) Mr. Liaquat Ali Chattah, FMO, PBS, Islamabad
- 17) Mr. Saeed Ahmed, ACC(DP), PBS, Islamabad
- 18) Mr. Waqar Ahmed Khan, DPA, PBS, Islamabad
