

## **PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Islamabad, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2018;** 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the **Standing Committee on Statistics** was held today under the **Chairmanship of Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, MNA.**

2. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda.

3. The Committee confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018.

4. The Federal Secretary, Ministry of Statistics, Ms. Rukhsana Yasmeen gave a briefing regarding the compliance report on the recommendations of the previous meeting the Standing Committee. It was told that the collection and preparation of the statistical data was being given due importance by the Ministry. The Standing Committee was also briefed regarding the process for hiring the services of a third party for audit of the census survey based on the directions issued by the Council of Common Interest (CCI). The said process for audit of the 6<sup>th</sup> Census of Pakistan conducted in 2017 was expected to be completed in April 2018. While discussing the credibility of the statistical data being prepared and provided the Ministry, it was told that as Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) had the most comprehensive scale to conduct any given survey, therefore, even while conducting independent surveys all national and international institutions usually seek its assistance to obtain sampling frame in Pakistan. The Standing Committee praised the performance of PBS and stressed on its projection at national and international level. The Standing Committee also recommended that in order to evade any doubts regarding data, the survey teams while conducting their surveys should also meet with representatives of the people such as Member of National or Provincial Assembly or Nazim of the concerned area. The Standing Committee scrutinized and approved the Public Sector Development Project (PSDP) for the Financial Year 2018-19 of the Ministry of Statistics.

5. The meeting was attended by the Honorable MNA/Members Dr. Shezra Mansab Ali Khan Kharral, Ms. Romina Khurshid Alam, Ms. Sabiha Nazir, Mr. Lal Chand Malhi, Mr. Aqib Ullah Khan, S.A. Iqbal Qadri, MNA and senior officers from the Ministry of Statistics and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.