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INAUGURAL MEETING OF NATIONAL CENSUS APEX COMMITTEE

First meeting of the National Census Apex Committee of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics was held on 29th October, 2015 in the Committee Room of the Finance Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization/Chairman National Census Apex Committee. The meeting was attended by the members of the Committee, senior

officers of Finance Division, Statistics Division and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

The Chair welcomed the members of the National Census Apex Committee and other participants of the meeting and highlighted the importance of Census data. The Chair informed that Committee is entrusted to provide policy guideline and coordination among the stakeholders to ensure the conduct of Census 2016 in a free, fair and transparent manner.



Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chairing the first meeting of National Census Apex Committee held on 29th October, 2015 at Islamabad

The chair pointed out that about 17 years have passed since the last census and there is pressing need for conduct of fresh census as it is a decennial activity. The Chair informed that it is a first meeting to review the preparations made by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for smooth conduct of census in the country. The Chair desired that every effort may be made by all concerned to ensure a credible census for the nation.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician gave detailed presentation on the design, structure and preparations made so far, Census methodology, appointment of field staff, activity calendar and role of stakeholders at Federal and Provincial level.

He informed that the Council of Common Interest (CCI) has directed that the 6th Population and Housing Census be held in March, 2016 under the supervision of Armed Forces on the pattern of 1998 Census. He informed the house that each and every activity is according to activity calendar. Meetings with Secretary, Ministry of Defence and Secretary, Interior have been held for the availability of Armed Forces and Civil Armed Forces. Similarly meetings with Chief Secretaries of Punjab, KP and Sindh have also been held to take them on board and solicit their assistance in the census operations. Meetings with other provincial authorities are being scheduled.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS further informed that DRS Company who provided the ICR machines and census forms, visited Pakistan to assess the future needs and check the condition of ICR Machines and Forms. It was informed that ICR Machines licenses have expired and the machines may be replaced. The forms however can be used in the next census. Some additional forms need to be printed. The UNFPA expert also visited and has suggested that the scanners provided some years ago need to be replaced.

While explaining the Census methodology it was informed that the Census 2016 will be held in one go i.e. House Listing in first three days followed by fifteen days for main Census and one day for homeless population. It was informed that there are 166801 Census Blocks including AJ& K and Gilgit Baltistan for which total field force of 205372 personnel including enumerators, supervisors with 10% reserve staff will be required.

The Chief Statistician/Chief Census Commissioner, PBS informed that Rupees 14.5 billion have been approved for census activities and the first instalment of Rs.515.782 million has been released to meet the expenses on preparatory activities.

The Chair advised that experts from Interior Division, Survey of Pakistan and IT Division may share their experiences in preparation of maps and assessment of IT equipment.

The chair thanked all the participants for their valuable participation in the meeting.

MEETING OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization / Chairman, Governing Council, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chaired the 9th meeting of the Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) held on 2nd January, 2016. The meeting was scheduled to be held on 29th October, 2015 but due to some unavoidable reasons held later.

The Chair at the outset welcomed the newly appointed three Members of PBS and mentioned that they have joined the organization at very crucial time, just a couple of months before the 6th Population & Housing Census 2016. They will have to shoulder the responsibility of making the census successful, he said.

The agenda of the meeting was adopted and the implementation status of the decisions taken in previous meeting was reviewed. Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician/Chief Census Commissioner, PBS gave a detailed presentation on the preparations for the forthcoming 6th Population and Housing Census. He informed the house that, as per decision of the Governing Council, PBS has adjusted the target dates for preparation of census reports by December 2017. He said that the

PBS has initiated all preparations and held meetings with the provincial authorities to brief them about their responsibility in making census successful and transparent.

The Finance Minister / Chairman Governing Council emphasized the importance of the census data and mentioned that census is being conducted after a gap of 17 years. The prime responsibility of PBS is to conduct credible census, he added. He directed that utmost care should be taken to complete this task in a transparent manner so that the data is credible. Such data, he said, can then form the basis for future planning.

It was agreed that professional and well reputed Statisticians would be co-opted as members of the Technical Committee to solicit their professional input on conduct of census. The Finance Minister directed that frequent meetings of the technical committee be held and suggestions of experts be brought to the Governing Council for consideration.

The chair thanked all the participants for their valuable participation in the meeting.



Federal Minister for Finance, Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar chairing the 9th meeting of Governing Council of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics held on 2nd January, 2016

PRICE STATISTICS

Pakistan Bureau of Statistics compute various types of price indices in order to provide data to the Planners, Policy Makers and Economic Analysts.

Price Statistics include collection of Retail and Wholesale prices and computation of following indices.

1. Consumer Price Index (CPI)
2. Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
3. Sensitive Price Indicator (SPI)

Monthly Analysis

The latest data of CPI, WPI and SPI on new base of 2007-08 are given below.

% Change of CPI, WPI and SPI for the month of December, 2015

Index	Average July - December % Change		% Change Dec over Dec	
	2015-16	2014-15	2015-16	2014-15
CPI	2.08	6.08	3.19	4.30
SPI	0.26	3.47	2.91	0.77
WPI	-2.35	2.13	-0.42	-0.89

1. CPI inflation, General increased by 3.2% on year-on-year basis in December 2015 as compared to an increase 2.7% in the previous month and 4.3% in December 2014. On month-on-month basis, it decreased by 0.6% in December 2015 as compared to increase of 0.6% in the previous month and decrease of 1.0% in December 2014.

2. Core inflation measured by non-food non-energy CPI (Core NFNE) increased by 4.1% on (YoY) basis in December 2015 as compared to increase 4.0% in the previous month and 6.7% in December 2014. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.2% in December 2015 as compared to increase of 0.1% in the previous month and 0.1% in December 2014.

3. Core inflation, measured by 20% weighted trimmed mean CPI (Core Trimmed) increased by 2.7% on (YoY) basis in December 2015 as compared to 2.9% in the previous month and by 5.2% in December 2014. On (MoM) basis, it increased by 0.2% in December 2015 as compared to increase of 0.2% in the previous month and no change in December 2014.

4. SPI inflation on YoY increased by 2.9% in December 2015 as compared to increase of 2.1% a month earlier and an increase of 0.8% in December 2014. On MoM basis, it decreased by 0.7% in December 2015 as compared to a increase of 1.0% a month earlier and decrease of 1.5% in December 2014.

5. WPI inflation on YoY basis decreased by 0.4% in December 2015 as compared to decrease of 1.7% a month earlier and a decrease of 0.9% in December 2014. WPI inflation on MoM basis decreased by 0.7% in December 2015 as compared to increase of 0.01% a month earlier and decrease of 1.9% in December 2014.

Inflation														
Period	CPI						Core Inflation				SPI**		WPI	
	General		Food		Non Food		NFNE*		Trimmed		YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM
	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM	YoY	MoM				
Oct, 15	1.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	2.4	0.5	3.4	0.6	2.8	0.4	-0.1	1.2	-2.7	0.5
Nov, 15	2.7	0.6	2.2	1.2	3.2	0.2	4.0	0.1	2.9	0.2	2.1	1.0	-1.7	0.0
Dec, 15	3.2	-0.6	2.7	-1.6	3.6	0.2	4.1	0.2	2.7	0.2	2.9	-0.7	-0.4	-0.7

*non-food non energy,
**quintile 1

Weekly Analysis

The latest weekly Price Indicator (SPI) percentage changes with base 2007-08 = 100 covering 17 urban centers and 53 essential

items for all income quintiles and combined income group for the month of December, 2015 are given below:-

	Percentage Change as compared to Previous Month					
	Income Groups					
	Q1 (Up to Rs. 8000)	Q2 (Rs. 8001 - 12000)	Q3 (Rs. 12001 - 18000)	Q4 (Rs. 18001 - 35000)	Q5 (Above Rs. 35000)	Combined
December, 2015	-0.71	-0.59	-0.51	-0.37	-0.14	-0.35

TRADE STATISTICS

EXPORTS

According to the provisional figures compiled by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, exports from Pakistan during December, 2015 amounted to Rs.187,086 million (provisional) as against Rs. 175,123 million (provisional) in November, 2015 and Rs.216,620 million during December, 2014 showing an increase of 6.83% over November,2015 but an decrease of 13.63% over December, 2014.

2)In terms of US dollars the exports in December, 2015 was \$ 1,788 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 1,662 million (provisional) in November, 2015 showing an increase of 7.58 but decreased by 16.80 as compared to \$ 2,149 million in December, 2014.

3)Exports during July - December, 2015 totalled Rs.1,070,709 million (provisional) as against Rs.1,219,108 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 12.17%.

4)In terms of US dollars the exports during July – December, 2015 totalled \$ 10,315 million (provisional) against \$ 12,058 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 14.46%.

5)Main commodities of exports during December, 2015 were Knitwear (Rs.20,738 million), Readymade garments (Rs.20,593 million), Cotton cloth (Rs.19,542 million), Bedwear (Rs.15,925 million), Rice others (Rs.15,371 million), Cotton yarn (Rs.11,328 million), Fruits (Rs.7,213 million), Towels (Rs.6,340 million), Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear) (Rs.5,810 million), and Rice basmati (Rs.3,563 million).

The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities exported during December, 2015 over November, 2015 and December, 2014 is given below:

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2015 over	
		December 2015	December 2014
1	Knitwear	7.57	-2.70
2	Readymade garments	16.75	8.95
3	Cotton cloth	13.58	-8.18
4	Bedwear	-6.19	-6.05
5	Rice others	-15.40	-21.58
6	Cotton yarn	26.61	-34.76
7	Fruits	142.21	-4.77
8	Towels	-2.57	-3.22
9	Madeup articles (excl. towels & bedwear)	2.56	5.27
10	Rice Basmati	8.40	-19.35

IMPORTS

6)Imports into Pakistan during December, 2015 amounted to Rs.402,237 million (provisional) as against Rs. 407,375 million (provisional) in November, 2015 and Rs.386,515 million during December, 2014 showing a decrease of 1.26% over November, 2015 but an increase of 4.07% over December, 2014.

7)In terms of US dollars the imports in December, 2015 was \$ 3,843 million (provisional) as compared to \$ 3,866 million (provisional) in November, 2015 showing a decrease of 0.59% but increased by 0.23% as compared to \$ 3,834 million in December, 2014.

8)Imports during July - December, 2015 totalled Rs.2,306,699 million (provisional) as against Rs.2,442,471 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 5.56%.

9) In terms of US dollars the imports during July - December, 2015 totalled \$ 22,214 million (provisional) as against \$ 24,145 million during the corresponding period of last year showing a decrease of 8.00%..

10) Main commodities of imports during December, 2015 were Petroleum products (Rs.37,780 million), Petroleum crude (Rs.23,206 million), Electrical machinery & apparatus (Rs.22,025 million), Power generating machinery (Rs.19,119 million), Iron & steel (Rs.17,040 million), Raw cotton (Rs.15,227 million), Plastic materials (Rs.14,172 million), Medicinal products (Rs.12,635 million), Palm oil (Rs.11,463 million) and Iron & steel scrap (Rs.10,731 million).

The increase(+) / decrease(-) recorded in main commodities imported during December, 2015 over November, 2015 and December, 2014 is given below:

Sr. No	Commodities	%Change for value in million Rupees in December, 2015 over	
		December 2015	December 2014
1	Petroleum products	-22.05	-15.74
2	Petroleum crude	38.10	-40.66
3	Electrical machinery & apparatus	1.71	131.96
4	Power generating machinery	2.61	16.12
5	Iron & Steel	-3.90	6.37
6	Raw Cotton	51.98	781.19
7	Plastic Materials	-20.08	-0.67
8	Medicinal Products	67.00	52.03
9	Palm oil	-10.43	-27.14
10	Iron & steel scrap	22.49	15.87

QUANTUM INDEX OF MANUFACTURING

Quantum Index of Manufacturing (QIM) measures the changes in production of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) over time on monthly as well as cumulative basis. The weights presently used for the QIM have been derived from the Census of Manufacturing Industries (CMI) 2005-06, 112 items with total weight of 70.33 % of value added are being used for computation of QIM. The production data is collected from Oil Advisory Committee (OCAC), Ministry of Industries and Provincial Bureaus of Statistics.

The provisional quantum indices of Large Scale Manufacturing Industries (LSMI) for November, 2015 with base year 2005-06, have been developed on the basis of latest data supplied by the source agencies. The indices for July - November, 2015-16 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are given below

	SOURCE	Indices for July - November		Change %	Growth Impact
		2015-16	2014-15		
1	OCAC	109.02	103.48	5.36	0.37
2	Ministry of Industries	112.19	107.88	3.99	2.60
3	Provincial BOS	158.12	150.27	5.22	1.47
4	OVER ALL	121.98	116.80	-	4.43

The over-all output of LSMI increased by 4.43% for July-November, 2015-16 as compared to July-Nov, 2014-15.

The indices for November, 2015 along with percentage changes and growth impact by source are as follows

	SOURCE	Indices			Change %		Growth Impact	
		Nov 2015	Nov 2014	Oct 2015	MOM	YOY	MOM	YOY
1	OCAC	103.77	93.67	111.49	-6.92	10.78	-0.48	0.66
2	Ministry of Industries	115.52	110.85	113.51	1.77	4.22	1.14	2.79
3	Provincial BOS	157.28	150.35	163.22	-3.64	4.61	-1.04	1.28
4	OVER ALL	123.74	118.16	124.22	-	-	-0.38	4.73

The LSMI output increased by 4.73% for November, 2015 as compared to November, 2014 and decreased by 0.38% if compared with October, 2015.

As a result, overall Large Scale Manufacturing Sector has shown growth of 4.43% during July - November 2015-16 when compared with the same period of last year.

MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT OF SAMPLE DESIGN FOR THE CENSUS

A meeting to review the development of sample design for Form-2A for conduct of 6th Population & Housing Census-2016 was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS in the Committee Room of PBS on 26th November, 2015. Officers of PBS and Experts from various organizations participated in the meeting.

Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairman thanked the participants for attending the meeting with special thanks to Experts from various organizations who attended the meeting on the request from PBS for obtaining their valuable contribution on the issue of an important nature.

The Chair informed that the officers of Sample Design Section are working on this assignment for the last two months to come up with an internationally acceptable methodology so that we may have the reliable estimates of complex variables being collected through Form 2-A with desirable accuracy. It was felt necessary

that the methodology used for computation of sample size at national, provincial and district level may be presented to subject matter experts so that further improvement could be made through their valuable suggestions.

Ms. Rabia Awan, Director, Sample Design made her presentation with various methodologies available to administer Form-2A in the census process.

At the end of the presentation, the question/answer session was started. After the session the consensus of all participants was to adopt two stage sample design with randomly selection of 10% households from sampled block to generate indicators reliable with 95% level of confidence at district level with urban / rural break down. However, it was also proposed to increase the number of blocks to capture the diversity of the population.

The chair thanked all the participants for their valuable participation in the meeting.



Meeting on Development of Sample Design for the Population and Housing Census 2016 held on 26th November, 2015 at PBS (HQ), Islamabad

TRAINING ON CENSUS AND SURVEY PROCESSING SYSTEM (CSPro)

A comprehensive in-house training was imparted to the staff of Data Processing Centre of PBS, Islamabad from 7th Dec to 18th Dec 2015 to cope the challenge of upcoming 6th Population and Housing Census 2016. The training was imparted by Mr. Guido Pieraccini, (Resource Person with the financial support of World Bank). Different aspects of Form 2 and 2-A Processing, Imputation and Edit check implementations were discussed in the training. The whole class of participants took deep interest in the training. The Resource Person, Mr. Guido Pieraccini, was very impressed by the professional skills and high standards of learning of the participants, which he pointed out time to time during the course and at the time of closing ceremony too.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics honored the occasion of closing ceremony and appreciated the participants for their interest in the training and agreed to arrange such trainings to build the capacity of the Data Processing Team in handling the tabulation area of the upcoming 6th Population and Housing Census.

MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR THE HEADS OF NATIONAL STATISTICAL OFFICES IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief statistician, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics attended the Twelfth Management Seminar for the Heads of National Statistical Offices in Asia and Pacific held on 2nd and 3rd December, 2015 at the United Nations University (UNU) in Tokyo, Japan. The seminar was organized by the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication (MIC) of the Government of Japan.

The annual Management Seminar series aims to strengthen the leadership and management capabilities of the heads of national statistical offices (NSOs) by providing a forum to discuss, to exchange views and to share experiences among heads of NSOs. The theme of the seminar was "Managing Key Stakeholder Relationships". The seminar was based on the premise that in delivering on their missions, national statistical offices work in partnership and establish relationships with stakeholders that have interest in and some influence on the national statistical system.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS alongwith the participants of the training on CSPro held from 7th to 18th December at PBS (HQ), Islamabad

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2016

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS held a meeting with defense authorities on 20th November 2015 at Military Operation Directorate, GHQ, Rawalpindi to discuss the issue of assistance of Armed Forces in Field Operation for the conduct of 6th Population and Housing Census. Another followup meeting with Defense Authorities was held on 31st December 2015 at PBS (Headquarters), Islamabad.

A meeting of the Sub-committee on Enumeration of Afghans/Aliens during Census Operation was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary Interior, on 11th December 2015 in Ministry of Interior, Islamabad. The meeting was attended by Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Census Commissioner/Chief Statistician, Chief Commissioner ICT, Islamabad, Representatives of four provinces, AJ&K and NADRA.

A meeting of Chief Census Commissioner/Chief Statistician with Chief Minister and Chief Secretary, Balochistan was held on 18th November, 2015 regarding 6th Population and Housing Census 2016.

A meeting of Chief Census Commissioner/Chief Statistician with Chief Secretary, AJ&K was held on 5th November, 2015 regarding 6th Population and Housing Census 2016. A meeting between the officers of Pakistan

Bureau of Statistics and Printing Corporation of Pakistan, Islamabad was held on 20th October 2015 at Printing Corporation of Pakistan Islamabad regarding the printing of Manual of Instructions and Form -1 Register. Another meeting with Manager, Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP), Islamabad was held regarding timely delivery of printing materials i.e. Manual of Instructions and Form Register for 6th Population and Housing Census 2016.

Series of meetings regarding 6th Population and Housing Census 2016 were held under the Chairmanship of Chief Statistician/Chief Census Commissioner PBS (Hqs), Islamabad during Oct-Dec, 2015 to review the preparations made for 6th Population and Housing Census.

A meeting of Development Partners was held on 28th October, 2015 in Serena Hotel Islamabad, in collaboration of UNFPA to mobilize the development partners to meet the resource gap for Census 2016. The meeting was co-chaired by Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS and Madam Sarah Masale, Office in-charge UNFPA. Twenty five participants from different International Agencies based at Islamabad as well as representatives of different Embassies and senior officers of PBS attended the meeting.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician PBS during a meeting with Chief Minister, Balochistan regarding 6th Population and Housing Census 2016 held on 18th November, 2015

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2016

Provincial Census Commissioners (PCCs) for Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Census Commissioners (CCs) for AJ&K and Gilgit Baltistan have been notified. In this connection an Introductory meeting with Provincial Census Commissioners was held on 16th December 2015 at Statistics House, Pakistan Bureau of Statistics, Islamabad.

Statistical Assistants of PBS, Islamabad were imparted one day training on 6th November, 2015 in the committee room of PBS Hqs, Islamabad on pretesting of ICR Forms. Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Member (C&S) was the trainer of the training. Later on five days exercise w.e.f 10-14 November, 2015 has been carried out by the SAs for pre-testing of ICR Forms in the directions of the Chief Statistician.

A Review Meeting was held on 3rd December 2015 in PBS (Hqs), Islamabad to review the problems faced during pre-testing of ICR forms.

The notification regarding designation of Chief Statistician Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) as the Chief Census Commissioner, to supervise the taking of Census throughout Pakistan has been issued.

Provincial Governments have frozen the boundaries of Administrative Units in the country. Delimitation and Geo coding of census areas has been completed. Deployment of census staff at Admin District/Census District has been completed except few areas.

Posting of DCCs / CSOs / SOs / ACCs / SAs with the Census District Officer has been approved by the Chief Census Commissioner and the same has been forwarded to Provincial/Regional Census offices as well as Regional / Field offices of PBS.

Distribution Plan of stationery and other material for training purpose has been approved by the Chief Census Commissioner/Chief Statistician and the approved Distribution Plan of training material has been sent to the Incharges of all Provincial/Regional Census Offices of PBS for implementation.

Preparation/Review of Field Operation Plan for 6th Population and Housing Census and its printing has been completed. Control Forms for supply and retrieval of filled in census forms for Census 2016 has been approved.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician PBS chairing a meeting regarding 6th Population and Housing Census 2016 held on 16th December, 2015 at PBS (HQ), Islamabad

FIRST MEETING OF THE CENSUS OPERATIONAL COMMITTEE

First meeting of the Census Operational Committee was held on 26th November, 2015 under the chairmanship of Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS in the Committee Room, PBS (Hqs), Islamabad.

The Chair welcomed the members of the Census Operational Committee and highlighted the importance of Census. He informed the participants that the objective of formation of Census Operational Committee was to provide policy guidelines and coordination among the stakeholders to ensure the conduct of Census 2016 in a free, fair and transparent manner. He pointed out that there is pressing need for conduct of fresh census as the last census was held in 1998. He informed that this is the first meeting to review the preparations made by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics for smooth conduct of census in the country and to get assistance from stakeholders of the provincial governments. He also desired that full efforts should be made by all concerned to ensure

a credible census for the nation and all support should be provided to PBS in this context.

Mr. Habib Ullah Khan, Member, Census and Survey (C&S) gave a detailed presentation on the 6th Population and Housing Census 2016 and informed that the Council of Common Interests (CCI) has decided that the 6th Population and Housing Census be held in March, 2016 under the supervision of armed forces on the pattern of 1998-Census. Subsequently, an activity calendar was drawn up and approved by the Governing Council which is being followed vigorously. Member (C&S) briefed the participants about the importance of census history, census data, census operational methodology, census structure, appointment of field staff, activity calendar and role of stakeholders at federal and provincial level. The participants of the meeting were informed that meetings with the Secretaries, Ministry of Defence, Interior Division



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician PBS chairing the first meeting of Census Operational Committee held on 26th November, 2016 at PBS (HQ), Islamabad



and Military Operation Directorate of GHQ were held to ensure availability of Armed Forces and Civil Armed Forces for census operation. Similarly meetings with the Chief Secretaries of Punjab, KP, Sindh and AJ&K have also been held to take them on board and apprise them about their role in the census operation. The meeting with the Chief Minister Balochistan and Chief Secretary, Government of Balochistan was also held where issue regarding enumeration of Afghans & other Aliens living in common population was discussed in detail.

The Chair informed that the people who have been displaced due to recent floods and earthquakes in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who are still living in tents in the open areas will be counted in the enumeration blocks in which they are currently residing. The homeless people are such individuals who have no usual place to live and are lying in the open areas or under the bridges or on road sides. The families living in tents, caves, boats (used for living purpose) will be counted as usual household.

Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS informed that government has decided to conduct Census-2016 under the supervision of Armed Forces as per practice adopted in Census-1998. The purpose of involvement of Armed Forces in census operation is to have transparent and credible census in the country. The soldier in uniform moving along with the civilian enumerator will not only provide security cover to census staff, but will also fill-in a specially designed questionnaire showing the number of persons living in the household. At the end of the day, the information collected by both the enumerators will be reconciled and over and under coverage will be rectified accordingly. The purpose of involvement of Armed Forces is to have deterrence for the wrong doers and have credible Census in the country.

The chair thanked all the participants for their valuable participation in the meeting.



Mr. Asif Bajwa, Chief Statistician, PBS presenting the bouquet of flowers to Mr. Mehboob Zafar, Private Secretary on his farewell party held at Islamabad

APPOINTMENTS IN PBS :

- Mr. Mahmood Akhtar appointed as Member Resource Management (MP-II), PBS, Islamabad.
- Mr. Habib Ullah Khan appointed as Member Census & Surveys (MP-II), PBS, Islamabad.
- Dr. Sajjad Akhtar appointed as Member Economic Statistics (MP-II), PBS, Islamabad.
- Mr. Arif Anwar Baloch appointed as Provincial Census Commissioner (Punjab), PBS, Lahore.
- Mr. Abdul Ameen Memon appointed as Provincial Census Commissioner (Sindh), PBS, Karachi.
- Raja Tariq Mahmood appointed as Provincial Census Commissioner (AJK), PBS, Muzaffarabad.
- Mr. Mumtaz Ali Khan appointed as Provincial Census Commissioner (KPK), PBS, Peshawar.

RETIREMENTS IN PBS :

- Innocent Dilber Feroze, Director, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 9th November, 2015.
- Mr. Mahboob Zafar, Private Secretary, PBS, Islamabad retired from service on 31st December, 2015.
- Mr. Ali Ahmed, Private Secretary, PBS, Karachi retired from service on 31st December, 2015.
- Ms. Parveen Nigar, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Karachi retired from service on 20th October, 2015.
- Mr. Ghulam Farid, Chief Statistical Officer, PBS, Faisalabad retired from service on 6th December, 2015.