SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES

REPORT NO.9 OF 2007 (PRIVILEGES)

REGARDING INACTION BY THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON THE LETTER OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, SENATE REGARDING REMOVAL OF THE NAME OF THE MOVER FROM THE EXIT CONTROL LIST (ECL).

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on the privilege motion moved by Senator Shahid Hassan Bugti regarding inaction by the Ministry of Interior on the letter of Deputy Chairman, Senate, regarding removal of the name of the mover from the Exit Control List (ECL).

2. On 21st August, 2007, the Chairman held the privilege motion in order and referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report.

3. The Committee considered the privilege motion at its sitting held on 06th September, 2007.

4. The following members attended the meeting of the Committee.

1.	Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Chairman
2.	Senator Naeem Hussain Chattha	Member
3.	Senator Justice (R) Abdul Razak A. Thahim	Member
4.	Senator Asfandyar Wali	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi	Member
6.	Dr. Sher Afgan Khan Niazi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member
7.	Senator Shahid Hassan Bugti	Mover
8.	Raja Muhammad Amin, Secretary, Senate.	

5. Senator Shahid Hassan Bugti, mover of the privilege motion, while explaining his point of view, stated that on 13th December, 2006 he moved an application through the Deputy Chairman, Senate, for onward submission to the Ministry of Interior for removal of his name from ECL on the ground that he wanted to proceed on Hajj. His application was sent to the concerned authorities through Senate Secretariat but despite lapse of eight months the Senate Secretariat did not receive any response from the concerned Ministry which shows that they have no respect for the members of the Senate or Office of the Deputy Chairman. He said that when he raised this matter in the House on a

question of breach of privilege, Mr. Aftab Ahmed Khan Sherpao, Minister for Interior while responding to it stated that this matter was brought into his knowledge on that day and he would take action against concerned officials for the lapse at their end.

6. In the course of deposition, Syed Kamal Shah, Secretary, Ministry of Interior, stated that names of Senator Shahid Hassan Bugti as well as his wife have been deleted from the ECL on 25th August, 2007. Inquiry against the concerned officials has been conducted and according to report the case was processed by the concerned section but delay occurred due to transfer of Deputy Secretary and Section Officer. He, however, assured that action will be taken against the responsible officers. He further stated that a mechanism has been adopted and the Committee has been constituted to be headed by the Joint Secretary which will regularly review such cases so that no such occasion should arise in future. The Secretary further stated that in response to the letter written by the Senate Secretariat on 15th December, 2006, the Ministry of Interior informed the Senate Secretariat on 16th December, 2006 that name of Senator Shahid Hassan Bugti was on ECL. He, however, regretted that the concerned officials failed to intimate him timely about the case. He then expressed sincere apology for the inconvenience caused to the Hon'ble member due to inaction on the part of the Ministry of Interior.

7. After the statement of the Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Senator Shahid Hassan Bugti expressed his satisfaction and stated that he will not pursue the matter further.

8. The Committee, however, observed that findings of the Committee against the officials of the Ministry of Interior for mishandling the case may be provided to the Privileges Committee. Thereafter, the Committee held the motion as disposed of.

(MEHBOOB ALI)
JS/Secretary Committee

(SENATOR SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI)
Chairman