

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE DUE TO NON-PROVISION OF REPORT BY THE SECRETARY COMMERCE TO THE MINISTER FOR RESPONDING THE ITEM IN THE HOUSE ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2015, REGARDING DELAYED PURCHASE OF COTTON FROM THE GROWERS.

(Report No. 8 of 2015)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on Breach of Privilege of the House due to non-provision of report by the Secretary Commerce to the Minister for responding the item in the House on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, regarding delayed purchase of cotton from the growers.

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

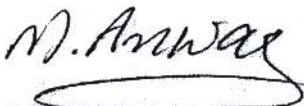
1. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2. Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3. Senator Hilalur Rehman	Member
4. Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5. Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7. Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
8. Senator Saud Majeed	Member
9. Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
10. Senator Zaheerud Din Babar Awan	Member
11. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
12. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
13. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that an item regarding non-purchase of cotton from the growers was placed on the Orders of the Day on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 and the Minister for Commerce was required to inform the House

about the factual position. However, neither the Minister for Commerce was present in the House nor the report was provided to any other Minister to respond the item in the House. The Chairman referred the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report. The Committee considered the matter in its meetings held on 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2015.

4. Before any comments by the Chairman and Members of the Committee, the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs informed that the file containing the brief was provided to him by the Ministry to respond the item. However, there were 35 questions which were to be answered by him. The file relating to the item in question was mixed up in the questions files. He said that there was no lapse on the part of the Secretary or other officers of the Ministry of Commerce. The Minister accepted the responsibility and apologized for the same.

5. The Committee was satisfied on the position explained by the Minister and accepted the apology. The matter was disposed off.

  
(Muhammad Anwar)  
J.S. / Secretary Committee

  
(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)  
Chairman