

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE CHAIRMAN SENATE DUE TO IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR OF THE SP SECURITY, LAHORE.

(Report No. 15 of 2015)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to submit the report of the Committee on breach of privilege of the Honourable Chairman Senate due to irresponsive behavior of the SP Security, Lahore, during the official visit of the Chairman on 22nd November, 2015.

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 matter before the Committee were that when the Honourable Chairman Senate was on official visit to Lahore on 22nd November, 2015, the PSO to the Chairman made a phone call to the SP Security, Lahore, asking him to see the Chairman in connection with some security matters. The SP stated that he was not answerable to the Chairman Senate. The matter was referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for investigation and report. The Committee held meetings on this matter on 23rd December, 2015 and 8th January, 2016. The SP concerned and Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab, were called to appear before the Committee and explain the position in this regard.

4. The Chairman Committee, introducing the item, informed that the Chairman Senate was not attended by SP Security, Lahore, during his visit to Lahore. When the SP was asked that Chairman Senate wanted to see him in connection with some security issues, he replied that he is not answerable to the Chairman Senate. The Chairman Committee said that the Chairman Senate is at third position according to warrant of precedence. He also said that such type of behavior with the Chairman Senate was not tolerable. He further said that such behavior was even not tolerable in case of Members of Parliament. He directed that the Punjab Government should issue directions to the police department to follow the higher standards of ethics and moral values.

5. Senator Saeed Ghani stated that he had been informed that when PSO to the Chairman Senate made a telephone call to the SP informing him that there was a security issue in connection of which the Chairman Senate wanted to meet him, the SP replied that he was in a funeral prayer. After some hours when he was called again, he replied that he was busy and could not come to see the Chairman. The SP also said that he was not answerable to the Chairman Senate. The Senator stated that the Chairman Senate does not like to have protocol, therefore, the written statement submitted by the SP was incorrect. He said that if the SP had stated that he was not answerable to the Chairman Senate then it was not acceptable. He further stated that after that visit the Chairman Senate did not take security from the Punjab Police.

6. The SP Security, Mr. Liaqut, stated that he has submitted unconditional apology. He stated that he cannot even dare to say that he was not answerable to the Chairman Senate. He also stated that he was conscious of the status of the Honourable Chairman and has a lot of respect for him. It was his duty to obey the orders of the Chairman. He informed that he received the call from the PSO to Chairman Senate at about 10:45 a.m. on that date when he was leaving to attend a funeral prayer alongwith his family. The PSO asked him for second car for the protocol for the Chairman Senate. However, at that time no other vehicle was available and he informed the PSO that he would provide the second car by the next day. In response the PSO said that either you send the second car or inform the Chairman Senate personally. On this direction, he discussed the matter with

DIG and sent the second vehicle. He stated that he never said that he was not answerable to the Chairman Senate. He further stated that he received only one call from the PSO. He further stated that whenever the Chairman has visited Lahore (Punjab) he has been providing protocol and security. He stated further that as the PSO asked for second vehicle or to see the Chairman Senate, he assumed that after managing second vehicle there was no need to see the Chairman.

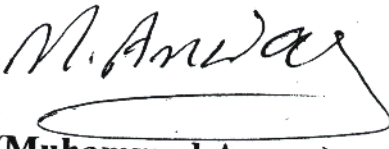
7. Senator Atta Ur Rehman stated that overall behavior of Punjab Police was not satisfactory. Their behaviour with the Chairman Senate was not understandable. Whenever the Chairman Senate visited Punjab he faced problems due to the irresponsible behavior of Punjab administration. He proposed that a letter should be written to the Punjab Government informing them that such type of attitude with the Chairman Senate was unacceptable and they should direct the Punjab Police to improve their attitude.

8. The Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab, informed that they have made SOPs for protocol of the VIPs. The present notice of breach of privilege was based on the statement of the PSO to Chairman Senate. The PSO asked for second vehicle which was provided and the SP assumed that the issue was of vehicle and not of his meeting with the Chairman Senate. He requested that since the SP has tendered unconditional apology, therefore, the Committee should consider it favourably. He also assured that they will further ensure the implementation of the SOPs.

9. Senator Saeed Ghani stated that the Chairman Senate himself would not call the SP. Obviously it is his PSO who has to talk the concerned officials on behalf of the Chairman Senate and if an official say that he is not answerable to the Chairman Senate, it is the responsibility of the Committee to take appropriate action in the matter.

10. Senator Hilal ur Rehman stated that the SP should have not assumed things at his own. It was the second incident with the Chairman Senate in Punjab. He proposed that in view of the law and order situation of the country, the concerned officials should be more vigilant with regard to the security of the Chairman Senate.

11. Senator Nighat Mirza stated that when an official has to perform duties, he should leave his personal engagements for the sack of duty. She was of the view that overall attitude and performance of the Punjab Police was not upto the mark.
12. Senator Farhatullah Babar, who attended the meeting as special invitee, stated that the said incident was a reflection of the overall behavior of the concerned SP which shows dismay and disappointment. However, he proposed that the apology tendered by the SP may be accepted and the matter may be disposed off with the directions that such lapses should not be repeated in future.
13. The Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs stated that it is not appropriate to have face to face discussion between the parties (PSO to Chairman and SP Security) on the matter. He requested that since the concerned SP has tendered apology, therefore, the Committee may accept his apology.
14. The Committee accepted the apology tendered by the SP Security, Lahore, and directed him to remain careful in future. The Committee also directed that such type of lapses should not be repeated. It was also directed that the Punjab government should issue directions to the Police Department to change their behavior with Parliamentarians as well as with general public. The matter was accordingly disposed off.


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