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SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, BY NOT PROVIDING
REPLY TO SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO. 90, ASKED BY
SENATOR CHAUDHARY TAVNIR KHAN, SET DOWN FOR
ANSWERING ON 19TH APRIL, 2017.

PRESTENDED BY

SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE SENATE BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, BY NOT PROVIDING REPLY TO SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO. 90, ASKED BY SENATOR CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN, ON 19TH APRIL, 2017.

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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 Senate by the Secretary, Ministry of Defence, by not providing reply to Senate starred question No. 90, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, which was set down for answering on 19th April, 2017.

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 Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
9.	Senator Zaheerud Din Babar Awan	Member
10.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the matter before the Committee were that Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan asked question No. 90 regarding non-payment of salaries to the employees of Heavy Mechanical Complex, Taxila, which was set down for answering on 19th April, 2017. In reply to that question the Ministry stated that the information asked for was being collected from the concerned quarters and would be furnished as soon as received. The House observed that the information asked for was not so lengthy and collection of the same should not have taken long time. The House was of the view that non-provision of information was negligence on the part of the Ministry. The Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges and directed to call the Secretary Defence in the meeting. The committee discussed the matter in its meetings held

on 5th and 19th May, 2017. The Secretary Defence and all other concerned were called in the meeting to explain their position.

4. The Chairman committee informed that that he had received a message of Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan who had informed that he was unable to attend the meeting and had desired that the committee may take up the matter and dispose it off if the committee becomes satisfied over the explanation given by the Ministry.

5. The Secretary Defence stated that they take the Parliament seriously and give utmost importance to parliamentary business. He said that the question under consideration pertained to Heavy Mechanical Complex, functioning of which involve a long chain which includes SPD, PAEC, HMC and concerned officers of those departments. He informed that the question was originally sent to the Ministry of Industries and Production which after about one month transferred the same to the Ministry of Defence. The reply to the said question could not be provided in time due to the said long process. He also informed that all departments and organizations of the Ministry of Defence had been directed to provide answers to all questions in time. He regretted the delay and assured that in future replies to Senate questions will be furnished well in time. Regarding the subject matter of the question under consideration, he informed that salaries were being paid to all employees of HMC regularly.

6. The Chairman committee stated that the delay in providing response to the parliamentary business is considered as halting the working of the House which is not appropriate. He directed that the replies to Senate questions should be provided in time and special care should be taken in future in this regard.

7. The explanation given and regret shown by the Secretary, Ministry of Defence, was accepted by the committee. The committee recommended that the House may also accept the regret and dispose off the matter accordingly.



(Muhammad Anwar)
A.S. / Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Chairman