

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, IN RESPONSE TO A  
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USMAN KHAN KAKAR AND SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN  
MUSAKHEL, WHICH WAS SET DOWN FOR THE SITTING OF THE  
SENATE HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER, 2017.**

**PRESTENDED BY**

**SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI**  
**CHAIRMAN**



## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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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 House due to inappropriate reply by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Interior, in response to a calling attention notice moved by Senators Dr. JehanzebJamaldini, Farhatullah Babar, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, which was set down for the sitting of the Senate held on 1st November, 2017.

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

1.	Senator Dr. JehanzebJamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator NighatMirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed MuzafarHussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
9.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
10.	Senator MurtazaWahab	Member
11.	Senator Dr. Syed AsifSaeedKirmani	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the issue before the committee were thatSenators Dr. JehanzebJamaldini, Farhatullah Babar, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, moved a calling attention notice regarding missing of three women along-with their three children belonging to District Awaranon 30th October, 2017, who were in Quetta in connection with medical




treatment, which was set down for the sitting of the Senate held on 1st November, 2017. The Joint Secretary (Law), Ministry of Interior sent a letter stating therein that the subject matter of the notice pertained to the Provincial Government of Balochistan. At the same time the Minister of State for Interior provided some information relating to the issue and promised to furnish the detailed information on next day. The Honourable Chairman Senate took the stance taken by the Joint Secretary as breach of privilege of the House and referred the same to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for investigation and report. The committee discussed the matter in its meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 and 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The Joint Secretary (Law), Ministry of Interior was summoned to appear before the committee and give the explanation in the matter.

4. The Chairman Committee said that the bureaucracy do not take care and provide the information in time. In this case also there was negligence on the part of the officer as he showed reluctance in providing information asked for by the Parliament. He directed that while responding to the Parliament they should adopt proper way and do not take refuge of lame excuses. He was of the view that the Ministries and Departments have failed in establishing a system to collect the information from concerned quarters and provide the same to the Parliament. He proposed that the Ministry should evolve a mechanism in this regard.

5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar said that the Minister of State for Interior was willing to provide the information on the matter raised in the calling attention notice while the Joint Secretary wrote a letter stating therein that the subject matter pertained to the Government of Balochistan. He was of the view that refusing flatly to provide the information was inappropriate.

6. The Special Secretary, Ministry of Interior, informed that they received the calling attention notice in question on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017, which was faxed to the Government of Balochistan with the request to provide information relating to the

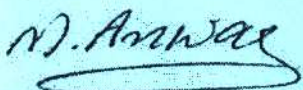





matter raised therein. The Government of Balochistan did not provide the information immediately. He informed that they received the response of that Government at 8:00 pm. The information which was received from that Government was provided to the House on next day. He assured to comply with the directions of the House in future. He said that there was no fault on the part of the Ministry of Interior as they had to collect the information from the said Government. He regretted and assured that in future they will provide the information after collecting the same from the concerned quarters at the earliest.

7. The Joint Secretary concerned stated that they referred the calling attention notice immediately to the concerned quarters but the required information was not received from them and the Minister of State for Interior was informed accordingly. He said that they had been trying their best to get the information. They have to rely upon others for provision of such information due to which it becomes difficult to provide the same in time. He also apologized and assured that in future they will take more care.

8. The committee directed that the Ministry of Interior may evolve a mechanism to provide information to the Senate in time. The apology tendered by the Special Secretary and Joint Secretary (Law) was accepted. The committee disposed of the matter with the recommendation that the House may also accept the clarification and apology tendered by the concerned officers.



(Muhammad Anwar)  
A.S./Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)  
Chairman