

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION

REPORT NO. 1 / 2018-2021



**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO. 4 (276)
/2018-M, MOVED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI
ON 10TH APRIL, 2018, REGARDING FAILURE OF THE HEAD OF
PSQCA IN PROVIDING A COPY OF THE NEW BILL WHICH THE
GOVERNMENT WAS SUPPOSED TO INTRODUCE AND NOT
RESPONDING TO THE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE BY THE
MOVER.**

PRETENDED BY

**SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN MUSAKHEL
CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO. 4(276) /2018-M.

(Report No. 1/2018-21)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 4 (276) / 2018-M, moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 10th April, 2018, regarding failure of the head of PSQCA in providing a copy of the new Bill which the Government was supposed to move and not responding to the telephone calls made by the mover.

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


1.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Chairman
2.	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
5.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
6.	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
7.	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member
8.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member
9.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
10.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
11.	Senator Pervaiz Rasheed	Member
12.	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
13.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
14.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved Privilege Motion No. 4 (276) / 2018-M, in the House on 10th April, 2018, stating therein that he asked Mr. Khalid Sadiq, DG (PSQCA) to provide a copy of the new Bill which the Government was supposed to introduce but the officer did not provide the same and had not been responding to the telephone calls made by the mover. After hearing the mover, the Honourable Chairman Senate held the motion in order and referred the same to the Committee for investigation and report. The Committee discussed the motion in its meeting held on 30th May, 2018. Mr. Khalid Sadiq, DG (PSQCA) and Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology were called in the meeting to give their stance on the subject matter of the motion.



4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, the mover of the motion, was of the view that substandard food items were being sold in the country and there was a dire need to make strict laws to control the same. He alleged that there was a great corruption in Pakistan Quality Standard Control Authority. He informed that he prepared a Bill on the analogy of the legislation made by the Punjab Government to control adulteration in and manufacturing and marketing of substandard food items. However, when he moved that Bill, the Government asked him to withdraw the same as the Government itself was going to introduce a Bill for that purpose. Talking about the privilege motion under consideration of the Committee, he informed that he made a phone call to Mr. Khalid Sadiq, DG (PSQCA), and requested him to provide a copy of the Bill which the Government was supposed to introduce in the Parliament and the DG agreed to provide the same. He also informed that he had been making calls to the officer lateron but he did not receive any positive response. He asked the Deputy Director (Library), Senate Secretariat, to remain in-touch with the officer and get a copy of the Bill. The Deputy Director made a number of calls to the officer and left messages also but the officer did not provide the copy of the Bill. He said that his privilege has been breached due to this non-cooperation and irresponsible attitude of the officer. He was of the view that if there was any restriction on providing the copy of the Bill, the officer should have contacted him and informed of the position.

5. Mr. Khalid Sadiq, DG (PSQCA), excused and stated that he had been working with the mover when the mover was serving as Minister for Science and Technology. He informed that when the mover asked for a copy of Pakistan Standard Quality Control Authority (amendment) Bill, he was in Lahore in connection with a meeting of SAARC. On receiving call of the Senator he made a call to PSO to the Secretary, Ministry of Science and Technology, requesting him to provide the copy of the Bill with the approval of the Secretary. In the meantime he received a call of Deputy Director (Library), Senate Secretariat, whom he informed that the said PSO will provide the required copy to her. He said that the Bill was sent to the Cabinet Committee for the Disposal of Legislative Cases (CCLC) for approval. The PSO informed him that as the Bill had been sent to the said Committee, copy thereof could not be provided without approval of the Minister. The Minister for Science and Technology was also there in Lahore in connection with the said meeting. He informed the Minister about the



demand of the mover but the Minister did not agree saying that it was not appropriate to provide the copy of the draft Bill till the summary is approved by the said Cabinet Committee. He informed further that it was not possible for him to provide the copy of the draft Bill without approval of the competent authority. He excused and assured that he will take more care in future.

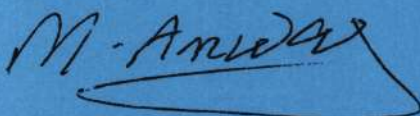
6. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati said that if this position had been brought to his notice there was no need to move the privilege motion. He was of the view that the officer should have informed him of the position timely.

7. The Chairman Committee said that the Government functionaries should respond the members timely. In this case the officer should have explained the position to the Senator when the Senator had been making him phone calls.

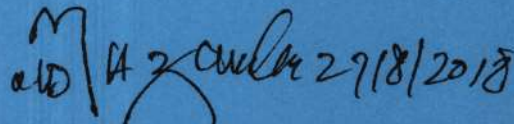
8. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani said that the officer should have informed the mover that the Bill was sent to the Cabinet Committee. He proposed that the Committee should accept the clarification given by the officer. Senators Khanzada Khan and Pervaiz Rasheed endorsed the point of view of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

9. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini proposed that the Chief Secretaries should be informed about the privileges of the members and status of parliamentarians, asking them to instruct all officers under their administrative control to take care while dealing with the public representatives. He also agreed to the proposal made by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

10. The Committee accepted the clarification given and apology tendered by the officer and disposed off the matter. The Committee recommended that the House may also dispose off the motion accordingly.



(Muhammad Anwar)
Special Secretary/
Secretary Committee



(Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel)
Chairman