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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO. 2(282)/2018-M, MOVED BY SENATOR BAHRAMAND KHAN TANGI, AGAINST THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROVOST, CHIEF SECURITY OFFICER AND SECURITY SUPERVISOR OF THE UNVISERSITY OF PESHAWAR WHO REFUSED TO MEET THE SENATOR IN CONNECTION WITH RESOLVING THE ISSUE OF CLASHES BETWEEN UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION AND STUDUENTS DUE TO INCREASE IN FEES.

PRESTENDED BY

SENATOR AYESHA RAZA FARROQ CHAIRPERSON

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO. 2 (282)/2018-M.

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I, Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 2 (282)/2018-M, moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, against the Vice Chancellor, Provost, Chief Security Officer and Security Supervisor of the University of Peshawar who refused to meet the Senator in connection with resolving the issue of clashes between university administration and students due to increase in fees

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

1.	Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq	Chairperson
2.	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
5.	Senator Pervaiz Rasheed	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Dilawar Khan	Member
8.	Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams	Member
9.	Senator Khanzada Khan	Member
10.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member
11.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
12.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed	Member
13.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
14.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the matter before the Committee were that Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved Privilege Motion No. 2(282)/2018-M, on 11th October, 2018, against the Vice Chancellor, Provost, Chief Security Officer and Security



Supervisor of the University of Peshawar who refused to meet the Senator in connection with resolving the issue of clashes between university administration and students due to increase in fees. 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 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019. Senior officers of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training and Vice Chancellor, Provost, Chief Security Officer and Security Supervisor of the University of Peshawar were called in the meeting to give explanation in the matter.

- 4. The Chairperson Committee in her initial remarks highlighted the significance of giving due respect to professors/teachers/academicians to whom the whole nation remains indebted for their invaluable services. She stressed that the discussion / consideration of the privilege motion does not, in any way, disrespect the Vice Chancellor and others associated. Correspondingly, the breach of privilege of an Honourable Senator will also not be tolerated by the Committee.
- 5. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, mover of the motion, expressed his displeasure when he was made to wait for three hours for a meeting with Vice Chancellor Peshawer University and others concerned, in order to resolve a dispute between protesting students and university administration on the campus of Peshawar University and to reach out to help the injured and arrested students and neither the Vice Chancellor nor others concerned attended to him or paid a visit. He said that that he was assured repeatedly by the Superintendent of Police that the concerned officers/officials were on their way but after a wait of three hours when nobody showed up, the Senator was told to move to a guest house to hold talks with the concerned officials and Vice Chancellor to which he refused.

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- The Vice Chancellor, Peshawar University, and concerned officials explained their position and apprised the Committee that due to on-going protest/dispute at the Campus and because of the V.C. being away to attend a meeting in Islamabad, miscommunication took place between university administration and the Senator. The Vice Chancellor informed that he remained un-aware of the presence of the Senator the whole time and in the evening when informed, he directed the Registrar Peshawar University to make necessary arrangements for the meeting and sent a request to the Senator to pay a visit to guest house and discuss the matter but that was too late and Senator had already left. The Vice Chancellor expressed the deepest regret for the inconvenience caused to the Senator and told the Committee that Peshawar University has been honoured to have been visited by a number of Honourable Senators in the past, including Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Ex-Senator Taj Haider and Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams. The Vice Chancellor and concerned officials of the said University apologised for the said miscommunication and assured the Committee that such incidents shall not take place in future.
- 7. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House in the Senate, who attended the meeting as a special invitee, informed the Committee that having grown up there, he understands the dynamics and politics of the Peshawar University in depth. He was of the view that the plea of Vice Chancellor and concerned officials may be accepted because miscommunication can result in such like situations. He said that since the Vice Chancellor was away from the University, he remained unaware of the situation on ground and the presence of Honourable Senator. Senator Dilawar Khan endorsed the viewpoint that due to ongoing dispute and heated situation at the campus, miscommunication may have resulted.

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- 8. The Chairperson Committee showed concern over the poor communication between the staff of the Vice Chancellor and administration/campus security officials due to which the V.C. remained unaware about the presence of Senator the whole time. She advised the V.C. to look into the matter in order to avoid such a situation in future.
- 9. The Committee unanimously accepted the submission made and regret expressed by the Vice Chancellor and concerned officials of the Peshawar University and disposed off the motion. The Committee concluded that no further action was required in the matter and recommended that the House may also dispose off the Motion accordingly.

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Special Secretary/Secretary Committee

(Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq)

Chairperson