

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



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ON
POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING ISSUE OF EQUAL
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**PRESENTED BY:
SENATOR FAISAL JAVED
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

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I, Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting have the honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, this report on Point Of Public Importance regarding issue of equal representation in TV talk shows on PTV Raised By Senator Abdul Rehman Malik in the House on 14th January, 2020 and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:

1. Senator Faisal Javed	Chairman
2. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	Member
3. Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
4. Senator Khushbakht Shujat	Member
5. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
6. Senator Dr. Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi	Member
7. Senator Kamran Michael	Member
8. Senator Pervaiz Rashid	Member
9. Senator Moula Bux Chandio	Member
10. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member
11. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
12. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
13. Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
14. Minister for Information and Broadcasting	Ex-Officio Member

3. The Committee took up the matter in its meetings held on:

- i. 29th January, 2020
- ii. 11th February, 2020
- iii. 9th June, 2020
- iv. 19th August, 2020
- v. 2nd September, 2020

4. The final consideration of the matter was held in the meeting dated 11th September, 2020, attended by the following:

1. Senator Faisal Javed	Chairman
2. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah	Member
3. Senator Rubina Khalid	Member



4.	Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi	Member
5.	Senator Atta ur Rehman	Member
6.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	Mover

5. During the course of briefings, the Committee deliberated upon the matter in detail and sought views of the Mover, the Federal Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Division, and the Managing Director PTVC. The summary of the proceedings of the meetings on the subject matter is provided below.

6. The Mover Senator Abdul Rehman Malik maintained that he has observed with great concern that PTV despite a state run TV does not provide equal representation to political parties of opposition benches on its current affairs programmes. He added that it is a democratic right of opposition parties to appear on state run TV and present their views on political and policy matters. He demanded that record of representation of political parties in current affairs talk shows broadcasted in the month of August, 2020 on PTV may be provided to the Mover.

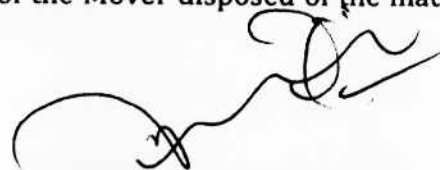
7. The Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Division, informed the Committee that it is the policy of the government to ensure representation of political parties on PTV programmes. The Managing Director PTVC briefed that all political parties and their representatives are regularly invited to talk shows on PTV based on the topics/themes and opposition's ratio of participation in such talk shows is double as compared to that of government.

8. The Committee on the request of the Mover directed that record of representation of political parties in current affairs talk shows broadcasted in the month of August 2020 on PTV may be provided to the Mover.

9. The Committee with the consent of the Mover disposed of the matter for onward report to the House.



(ADNAN IBNE ASAD)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR FAISAL JAVED)
Chairman Committee