

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE DUE TO NON-PRESENCE OF OFFICERS IN BPS-20 AND ABOVE OF THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, REGULATIONS AND COORDINATION IN THE OFFICIAL GALLERY OF SENATE DURING THE SITTING OF THE SENATE HELD ON 19TH MAY, 2016.

(Report No. 27 of 2016)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on the Breach of Privilege of the House due to non-presence of officers in BPS-20 and above of the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination during the sitting of the Senate held on 19th May, 2016 which was a violation of the directions of the Chair.

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

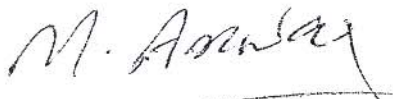
1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator HilalurRehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator SaeedGhani	Member
9.	Senator Zaheerud Din Babar Awan	Member
10.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
11.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
12.	Senator Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
13.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that the questions pertaining to the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination were set down for answering on 19th May, 2016. As per directions of the Chair, Senior Officers (officers in BPS-20 and above) of that Ministry were required to be present in the

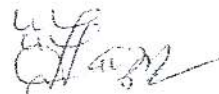
Official Gallery of the Senate to take notes of the points raised by the Members during supplementary questions and to provide the additional information to the Minister, if required, but no senior officer of that Ministry was present in the gallery during question hour. The matter was referred to the Committee for investigation and report. The Committee held its meeting on 8th June, 2015, in which the Secretary of that Ministry was summoned to explain the reasons thereof.

4. The Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination, stated that on 19th May, 2016, officers in BS-19 and BS-20 of the Ministry attended the National Assembly session from 10.30 a.m. to 02.15 p.m. After adjournment of National Assembly session, the officers came back to their offices because they were not informed by the Council Section of the Ministry about the Senate session scheduled at 03.00 p.m. on the same day. However, officers in BS-18 and 19 of the Ministry were present in the official gallery of the Senate and attended the Senate session at 03.00 p.m. The Joint Secretary (Admn), a BS-20 officer, of the Ministry also reached the Senate at 03.40 p.m., as soon as he was informed about the ongoing session. He said that the Ministry holds the Senate of Pakistan in high esteem and can never think of committing breach of privilege of the August House. He stated that it happened due to ^a communication gap for which the Council Section of the Ministry has been issued a warning. He highly regretted and assured the committee that all possible steps shall be taken to avoid such lapses in the future and ^{that} high priority will be given to the Business of the Senate/Parliament.

5. The Committee accepted the apology tendered by the Secretary, Ministry of National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and disposed off the matter. The committee recommends that no action be taken in the matter.



(Muhammad Anwar)
A.S. / Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Chairman