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REPORT ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE BY THE SECRETARY PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REFORMS BY NOT BRIEFING ANY MINISTER TO RESPOND THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED BY SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN MUSAKHEL REGARDING UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN PSDP AND NON RELEASING OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SMALL PROVINCES.

PRESTENDED BY

SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE BY THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REFORMS.

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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 by the Secretary Planning, Development and Reforms by not briefing any Minister to respond the point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.

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

| 1. | Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini | Chairman |
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| 2. | Senator Zahida Khan | Member |
| 3. | Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman | 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 Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 9. | Senator Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan | Member |
| 10. | Senator Osman Saifullah Khan | Memb e r |
| 11. | Senator Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar | Member |
| 12. | Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel raised an issue on 4th October, 2016, regarding unequal distribution of funds in PSDP and non-releasing of funds allocated for small provinces. That matter was placed on the Orders of the Day for 20th February, 2017, for response by the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms. Neither the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms was present

in the House nor any other Minister was briefed by the Secretary of that Ministry to respond the matter on behalf of the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms. The Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for investigation and report. The committee discussed the matter in its meeting held on 22nd March, 2017. The Secretary Planning, Development and Reforms was called in the meeting.

- 4. The Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms, informed that the was on leave from 9 to 17 February, 2017 due to which he could not pursue the matter personally. He also informed that the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms was busy in connection with some prior commitments and was unable to respond the point raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel in the House. The Secretary stated that he tried his best to contact any other Minister to respond the matter in the House on behalf of the Minister for Planning but could not succeed. He apologized for the inconvenience caused to the members and assured that it will not be repeated in future.
- 5. The Chairman Committee stated that as, prima facie, it was not an intentional mistake on the part of the Ministry, it may not be proceeded further. He directed that the Ministry should remain more careful in future and the business of Parliament should be taken seriously.
- 6. The Committee was satisfied over the position explained by the Secretary and the apology tendered by him was accepted. The committee recommended that the House may dispose off the matter accordingly.

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A.S. / Secretary Committee

(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)

Chairman