

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE SENATE BY THE SECRETARY CABINET BY PROVIDING INAPPROPRIATE REPLY TO RESOLUTION NO. 370 REGARDING LAYING OF ALL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS, TREATIES, COMMITMENTS AND AGREEMENTS SIGNED AND RECTIFY BY THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE HOUSE.

PRESTENDED BY

**SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI
CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE SENATE BY THE SECRETARY CABINET BY PROVIDING INAPPROPRIATE REPLY TO THE SENAT RESOLUTION NO. 370.

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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 Senate by the Secretary Cabinet by providing inappropriate reply to the Senate resolution No. 370 regarding laying of all international conventions, treaties, commitments and agreements signed and rectify by the Government before both Houses of Parliament, which was unanimously passed by the House.

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

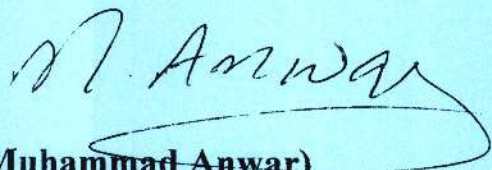
1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
9.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
10.	Senator Murtaza Wahab	Member
11.	Senator Dr. Syed Asif Saeed Kirmani	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the issue before the committee were that the Senate passed a resolution unanimously recommending therein that all international conventions, treaties, commitments and agreements signed and rectify by the Government be laid before both Houses of Parliament, which was communicated to the Cabinet Division for appropriate action. In response, the Cabinet Division wrote a letter to the Senate

Secretariat stating therein that the wording of the resolution may be reviewed. As per rules, the response of the Division was circulated amongst the members. Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the matter in the House objecting the proposal made by the Cabinet Division. The Honourable Chairman Senate took this matter as breach of privilege of the House and referred the same to the committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges with the direction to issue notice to the Secretary Cabinet and proposing appropriate action after hearing all concerned. The committee discussed the matter in its meetings held on 19th and 26th February, 2018. The Secretary and other concerned officers of the Cabinet Division were summoned to appear before the committee and give the explanation in the matter.

4. The Secretary, Cabinet Division, informed that making such requests between the Ministries/Divisions was a routine matter. There was no intention to breach the privilege of the August House. He also informed that the letter written to the Senate Secretariat in response to the said resolution was approved by the Prime Minister. He admitted that the proposal made vide the said letter was not appropriate for which he tendered apology. He apologized and assured that in future they will remain careful while responding to the Senate in such cases.

5. The committee directed the Secretary Cabinet to write a letter to all Federal Secretaries asking them to remain careful while making correspondence with the parliament. The apology tendered by the Secretary Cabinet was accepted. The committee recommended that the House may also accept the apology and dispose off the matter.



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A.S./Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Chairman