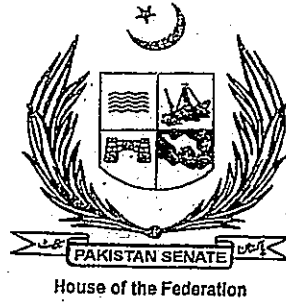


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REPORT NO. 5/2022-23

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN



## REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES

ON

Privilege Motion moved by Senator Zarqa Taimoor Suharwardi on her own behalf and on behalf of Senators Seemee Ezdi, Fawzia Arshad, Falak Naz Chitrali, Zeeshan Khanzada, Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhry, Faisal Javed, Faisal Saleem Rehman, Muhammad Humayun Khan Mohmmad, Syed Shibli Faraz and Mohsin Aziz against the SHO Women Police Station, Islamabad due to misbehavior with the female Senators during peaceful protest outside ECP office, Islamabad.

[The matter referred from the House on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022.]

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MUHAMMAD TAHIR BIZINJO  
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

Subject:

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE PRIVILEGE MOTION MOVED BY SENATOR ZARQA TAIMOOR SUHARWARDI ON HER OWN BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF SENATORS SEEMEE EZDI, FAWZIA ARSHAD, FALAK NAZ CHITRALI, ZEESHAN KHANZADA, EJAZ AHMED CHAUDHRY, FAISAL JAVED, FAISAL SALEEM REHMAN, MUHAMMAD HUMAYUN KHAN MOHMMAND, SYED SHIBLI FARAZ AND MOHSIN AZIZ AGAINST THE SHO WOMEN POLICE STATION, ISLAMABAD DUE TO MISBEHAVIOR WITH THE FEMALE SENATORS DURING PEACEFUL PROTEST OUTSIDE ECP OFFICE, ISLAMABAD.**

I, Senator Muhammad Tahir Khan Bizinjo, Chairman-Senate Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honor to present report of the Committee on the subject Privilege Motion moved by Senator Zarqa Taimoor Suharwardi and others.

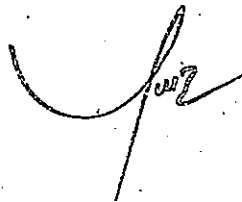
2. The Privilege Motion was moved in the Senate sitting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 which was referred by the House to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

<b>Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member
Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
Senator Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar	Member
Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro	Member

4. The Committee considered the Privilege Motion in its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022 which was attended by the following:-

1.	<b>Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
2.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
3.	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
4.	Senator Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
5.	Senator Seemee Ezdi	Mover
6.	Senator Fawzia Arshad	Mover
7.	Senator Zeeshan Khanzada	Mover
8.	Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhry	Mover
9.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Khan Mohmmmand	Mover
10.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Mover



5. Senator Fawzia Arshad, one of the Movers, briefed the Committee about the happenings on that day. She stated that the Senators were totally peaceful and just wanted to record their protest outside the office of ECP and had no intention at all to attack or invade the office of ECP but they were being treated by police as invaders. She expressed that it is a sorry state of affairs that every time police behaves in a brutal manner towards the peaceful protestors and it has now become a routine for the police to use highhandedness no matter who the protestor is.

6. Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Khan Mohamand was of the view that protestors were totally peaceful but they were manhandled. Police knew that the protestors were parliamentarians but still they demanded ID cards which itself was rude behavior on the part of the senior officers of police. The protestors were well within their limits of law and they were not using any force against the police.

7. Senator Mohsin Aziz also expressed his serious reservations on the attitude of Islamabad Police. He was of the view that on that day he was present amongst the protestors. No one used any violence against the Police but police was adamant to push the peaceful protestors. He referred an incident happened with him when he was walking outside his house in F-6 when police men stopped him and humiliated him and other citizens on the pretext that convoy of the then Prime Minister was to pass through that road. He was of the view that police always use excessive force. He stated that it is understandable that police has to exert some force in the line of duty but that is never proportional and police always exaggerates from its limits and totally violates the fundamental rights of the citizens.

8. The Members while referring to the written reply submitted by the Police in their defence stated that the reply is offensive itself as facts have been twisted in the reply and an impression has been created as if the parliamentarians were the aggressors.

9. SSP (Investigation), Islamabad Police requested to play a video footage in the meeting which is quite evident that police was not using any excessive force. Video was played with the consent of the Committee members and the Movers.

10. The Lady SHO against whom the Privilege Motion has been moved stated before the Committee that she was obeying her instructions on that day and there were lot of private persons there on that day that's why she demanded identity cards from some women. She took

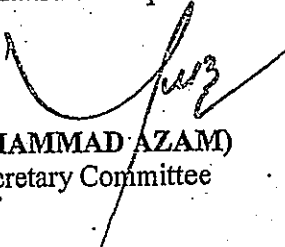


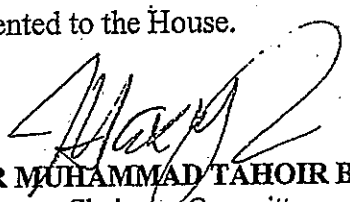
her position that she did not push any Senator rather her uniform was scratched and she was pushed.

11. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui was of the view that using of bad words for police officers/officials is not a proper way. We must understand the hardships to be faced by police in the line of duty and sometimes the situation aggravates in the heat of moment. However, he was of the view that behavior of the police is not good at all and police obeys the orders of the Government of time instead of obeying the laws of the land. He quoted his personal incident of highhandedness of police when he was harassed, arrested and humiliated by police. He stated that his family is still in that trauma. He being member of the Committee suggested that matter may be disposed of by issuing warning to lady SHO.

12. The Chairman Committee was of the view that public functionaries are respectable for the Committee but the stance of the police before the Committee is not reasonable and police need to mend its ways while dealing with the peaceful protestors. Chair observed that on that day Police must be well aware that who are coming for protests and they should have devised their policy of resistance knowing that the Parliamentarians will be coming to record their protest. Parliamentarians always record their protest in a peaceful and reasonable manner so there was no need to use force on that day. The police officers on duty should obey the orders of high command if those orders are according to law of the land. Chair categorically warned the lady SHO to remain careful in future while dealing with such situation, otherwise, strict disciplinary action will be recommended against her.

13. In view of the above observations and directions, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Privilege Motion may be disposed of. The Movers acceded to the recommendation of the Committee. The Committee also gave approval for presentation of report to the House. Hence, this report is presented to the House.

  
(MUHAMMAD AZAM)  
Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR MUHAMMAD TAHOIR BIZINJO)  
Chairman Committee