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**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION**



REPORT NO.5

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

ON

**“THE MATTER RAISED BY THE SENATOR DANESH KUMAR
REGARDING THE “BREACH OF PRIVILEGE BEING A
MEMBER OF THE UPPER HOUSE”**

PRESENTED BY .

**SENATOR FAROOQ H. NAEK
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.**

I, Senator Farooq H. Naek, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs have the honour to present the report of the Committee on the matter raised by the Senator Danesh Kumar regarding the "Breach of Privilege being A Member of the Upper House" addressed to and referred by the Hon'ble Chairman from his chamber on 25.08.2022.

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is as follows:-

1.	Senator Farooq H. Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem,	LOO/Member
3.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
4.	Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
5.	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
6.	Senator Faisal Javed	Member
7.	Senator Anwaar ul Haq Kakar	Member
8.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
9.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
10.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
11.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
12.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Soharwardy Taimur	Member
13.	<u>Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri</u>	<u>Member</u>
14.	Minister for Foreign Affairs	Ex. Officio Member

3. The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs considered the matter in its meeting held on 8th September & 16th November, 2022. Following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Farooq H. Naek	Chairman
2.	Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar	Member
3.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo	Member
4.	Senator Palwasha Muhammad Zai Khan	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Soharwardy Taimur	Member
6.	<u>Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri</u>	<u>Member</u>
7.	Senator Danesh Kumar	Mover

4. The Hon'ble Senator Farooq H. Naek, Chairman of the Committee asked the Mover Senator Danesh Kumar to make his statement on the referred matter regarding the "Breach of Privilege being a Member of the Upper House".



Meeting held on 08.09.2022

5. The Mover, of the matter Senator Danesh Kumar while narrating the whole incident, informed the Committee that during his private visit to Bangkok, Thailand in August, 2022, he was fallen sick and remained admitted in the Hospital in Bangkok situated next to the Pakistan Embassy. He further said that after he discharged from the hospital, went to the Embassy building to participate in the Independence Celebrations on 14th August, 2022, however, during his stay in the building he was not given proper protocol as he deserved to be as member of Upper House of the Parliament.

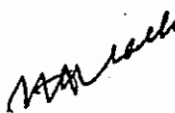
6. The Special Secretary while replying on the said incident to the Committee said that due to no prior intimation of the visit of the Senator Danesh Kumar, the Embassy staff could not be able to look after him well, he however, conveyed his personal apologies as well as on behalf of the Ambassador Mr. Sahebzada A. Khan and First Secretary Mr. Ghulam Ali Mirani and further assured that such incidents would be avoided in future in all Pakistani Missions abroad.

7. The Chairman and the entire Committee termed apology insufficient and further decided that in next meeting, the Committee would like to have firm statement and proper apology from the concerned officers through Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Committee also decided that draft SOPs in this regard will be drafted and discussed in the next meeting of the Committee.

Meeting held on 16.11.2022

8. After the written apology from Ambassador and First Secretary of Pakistan Mission Thailand and assurance given by the Foreign Secretary that such incidents will not be happen in future, the Chairman Committee with the consent of the Mover Senator Danesh Kumar, disposed-off the matter with the directions to Foreign Office to avoid such kind of incidents in future. He also informed the members that SOPs in this regard have been drafted and will be placed before the Committee in next meeting for consideration.


(HAFEEZULLAH SHEIKH)
AS/Secretary Committee


(SENATOR FAROOQ H. NAEK)
Chairman
SC on Foreign Affairs