

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES

ON

The Privilege Motion moved by Senator Falak Naz against the Chief Secretary (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Commissioner (Malakand Division), Deputy Commissioner (Upper Chitral) and Deputy Commissioner (Lower Chitral) for not inviting the Member being the sole representative of people of Chitral in the Upper House of Parliament, in the meetings conducted by the administration regarding disasters caused in Chitral due to recent floods.

**[THE MATTER REFERRED BY THE HON'BLE CHAIRMAN SENATE ON 25TH
JULY, 2023]**

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR MUHAMMAD TAHIR BIZINJO

CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject: REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE PRIVILEGE MOTION MOVED BY SENATOR FALAK NAZ AGAINST THE CHIEF SECRETARY (KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA), COMMISSIONER (MALAKAND DIVISION), DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (UPPER CHITRAL) AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (LOWER CHITRAL) FOR NOT INVITING THE MEMBER BEING THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF PEOPLE OF CHITRAL IN THE UPPER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT, IN THE MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION REGARDING DISASTERS CAUSED IN CHITRAL DUE TO RECENT FLOODS.

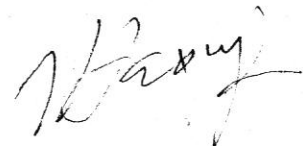
I, Senator Muhammad Tahir Khan Bizinjo, Chairman Senate Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honor to present report of the Committee on the subject Privilege Motion moved by Senator Falak Naz.

2. The Privilege Motion was referred by the Hon'ble Chairman Senate to the Committee for consideration and report.

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

1.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Chairman
2.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
3.	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem	Member
5.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
6.	Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani	Member
7.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Khan Kakar	Member
8.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
9.	Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti	Member
10.	Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro	Member
11.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
12.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
13.	Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur	Member

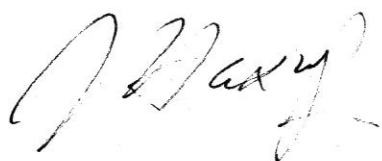
4. The Committee considered the Privilege Motion in its meetings held on 14th September, 2023 which was attended by the following:-



1.	Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo	Chairman
2.	Senator Saifullah Abro	Member
3.	Senator Professor Sajid Mir	Member
4.	Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui	Member
5.	Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro	Member
6.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Member
7.	Senator Falak Naz	Mover

5. The Deputy Commissioners, Upper and Lower Chitral were present before the Committee. The Mover explained the background of moving of the instant Privilege Motion. She was of the view that she is the sole representative of poor and marginalized people of Upper and Lower Chitral but since the change of Federal and Provincial Governments, the local administration of Chitral is continuously ignoring her and she has never been called in any public meeting to discuss the issues of people of Chitral which causes embarrassment for her being member of the Upper House of Parliament and sole representative of people of Chitral. She was of the view that during the recent destruction by floods in Chitral, the administration hold meetings wherein all the political leadership belonging to other political parties have been called but she has not been called which amounts to breach of her privilege as member of the upper House of Parliament. The Mover demanded that both the Deputy Commissioners should be transferred from their current positions as their conduct is political towards her and her party. The Mover stated that she has no complaint against the Chief Secretary and the Commissioner Malakand Division as they were guests in Chitral but she has complaint against both the Deputy Commissioners who knew her very well but still they ignored her as a representative of people of Chitral.

6. The Deputy Commissioners Upper and Lower Chitral admitted that the Mover has been ignored but they assured that there is no malafide on the part of the local administration. The Deputy Commissioners apprised that the meeting referred by the Mover during the recent flood destructions was held in an urgent manner and that too was not confirmed till eleventh hour so the local administration remained confused whether the meeting will be held or not and that's the reason that the Mover could not be called in the said meeting. The Deputy Commissioner Upper Chitral stated that the areas of Upper Chitral were totally disconnected from Lower Chitral and other parts of the country so no one could approach Upper Chitral.



7. The Members of the Committee were of the view that the Government functionaries should not take side of any political party rather they should try their best to remain neutral and Senator Fala Naz being sole Senator from Chitral and being a political figure who has emerged from grass root level should have been taken onboard while discussing any issue of people of Chitral.

8. The Committee strongly directed both the Deputy Commissioners that such an attitude towards the Hon'ble Senator will not be tolerated and suggested that the Deputy Commissioners being young officers should be given one chance, if agreed by the Mover.


9. The Mover agreed the suggestion very generously and stated that she has only concern that she should remain on board so that she can make her people understand that the local administration is working for them.

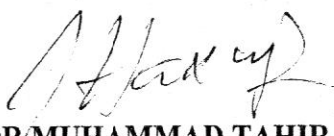
10. Both the Deputy Commissioners tendered their unconditional apology for their negligence and assured that in future there will be no such complaint.

11. The Committee directed both the Deputy Commissioners to send their written apology and assurance to the Mover with a copy to the Committee as well and advised the Deputy Commissioners being the officers on ground to run the affairs with neutrality and their conduct should not reflect siding of any political party as the Governments comes and goes but they have long careers ahead of them which should not be labelled as favoring any political party.

12. With the above directions and observations, and with the consent of the Mover the Committee disposed of the Privilege Motion being not further pressed by the Mover.

13. **The Committee unanimously decided that since the Mover does not want to further pursue the matter, therefore, the Privilege Motion may be disposed of.** In view of the above recommendation, 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 TAHIR BIZINJO)
Chairman Committee