

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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

#### REPORT NO. 19 OF 2010 (PRIVILEGES)

#### **REGARDING THE ALLEGED MISBEHAVIOUR OF THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, EVACUEE TRUST PROPERTY, PESHAWAR**

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on the question of privilege raised by Senator Mrs. Semeen Siddiqui on the alleged misbehaviour of the Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar.

2. On 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, Senator Mrs. Semeen Siddiqui raised the matter in the House regarding the misbehaviour of Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar, with her and concealing of facts on a matter of a widow pending with him.

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

1.	<i>Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
2.	<i>Senator Mian Raza Rabbani</i>	<i>Member</i>
3.	<i>Senator Salahuddin Dogar</i>	<i>Member</i>
4.	<i>Senator Syeda Sughra Imam</i>	<i>Member</i>
5.	<i>Senator Abbas Khan</i>	<i>Member</i>
6.	<i>Senator Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi</i>	<i>Member</i>
7.	<i>Senator Prof. Sajid Mir</i>	<i>Member</i>
8.	<i>Senator Wasim Sajjad</i>	<i>Member</i>
9.	<i>Minister for Parliamentary Affairs</i>	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>

4. The following members attended the meeting:-

1.	Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Chairman
2.	Senator Salahuddin Dogar	Member
3.	Senator Syeda Sughra Imam	Member
4.	Senator Dr. Muhammad Ismail Buledi	Member
5.	Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
6.	Senator Mrs. Semeen Siddiqui	Mover

5. Senator Mrs. Semeen Siddiqui in her verbal statement before the Committee interalia stated:-

- “(i) That she talked to Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar, on telephone about the matter of a widow pending before him and in response he asked her to visit his office, but on reaching there, the said officer did not give her proper protocol.
- (ii) That the said officer assured her on telephone to solve the problem but on her visit to his office he changed his tone and spoke with her disrespectfully and that his behavior was very insulting with her specially being a lady Senator.”

6. Mr. Munawwar Khan, Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar, in his written as well as oral statements interalia stated that Senator Ms. Semeen Siddiqui, visited Evacuee Trust Property Office, Peshawar, on 14th October, 2010, alongwith Ms. Yasmeen and Razi Imam Malik. She was offered VIP Protocol and treated as special guest. The facts of the case were explained to Hon’able Senator. After showing the relevant record, it was submitted that according to Section 16 of the Evacuee Trust Properties (Management & Disposal) Act No. XIII of 1975 and legal procedure, the aggrieved party may file appeal before the Administrator (NZ), Rawalpindi, against the judicial orders of the Deputy Administrator, Peshawar. He, however, could not think of misbehaving with the Hon’able Senator as it was contradictory to Pakhtun culture and traditions. Moreover, ETPB had also instructed all District and Zonal officers to deal with the Hon’able parliamentarians with due respect and protocol.”

7. Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar, expressed his unconditional apology for the inconvenience caused to the Hon’able Senator and said that he always respect the Parliament and honorable Parliamentarians.

8. Vice Chairman, ETPB, also expressed his sincere apology for the inconvenience caused to the Hon'able Senator on the part of Deputy Administrator, ETPB, Peshawar.

9. Senator Semeen Siddiqui expressed her dissatisfaction with the explanation given by Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar and reiterated her charges against him and asserted that the language in which the Deputy Administrator expressed regrets was highly objectionable and in fact further aggravated the matter.

10 Regarding the issue of concealing of facts on a matter pending with the officer the Committee was of the view that it was outside the jurisdiction of the Committee. Even though the happening of such a thing was unfortunate, the remedy was at the official level.

11. Committee, however, showed dissatisfaction on the statement of the Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property, Peshawar, and noted that the matter relating to rude and abusive behaviour of Deputy Administrator with the Hon'able Senator needed thorough investigation.

12. After detailed deliberation the Committee gave the following directions:

- i. Mr. Munawar Khan, Deputy Administrator, Evacuee Trust Property office, Peshawar, be suspended for his misconduct forthwith, pending the outcome of the inquiry.
- ii. Departmental Inquiry Committee be constituted for inquiring into the misbehaviour of the officer during the visit of the honourable Senator Semeen Siddiqui to his office on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, the inquiry be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2011, and the Committee informed accordingly.

- iii. All officers/officials of the ETP Board be directed to extend due respect to the honourable parliamentarians and the general public at large when they visit the offices of the ETP Board in future.
13. After the above directions the committee disposed of the matter.

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**JS /Secretary Committee**

**(SENATOR SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI)**  
**Chairman**