

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO.01(103)/2014-M, MOVED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD ZAHID KHAN, ON 4TH JUNE, 2014.

REPORT NO. 1 OF 2015

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on privilege motion no. 01(103)/2014-M, moved by Senator Muhammad Zahid Khan in the sitting of the Senate held on 4th June, 2014, against the behavior of Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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

1.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Chairman
2.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
3.	Senator Abbas Khan Afridi	Member
4.	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
5.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
6.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
7.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
8.	Senator Haji Mohammad Adeel	Member
9.	Senator Afrasiab Khattak	Member
10.	Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
11.	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
12.	Senator Abdul Rauf	Member
13.	Senator Ch. Muhammad Jaffar Iqbal	Member
14.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
15.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

Senator Muhammad Zahid Khan

Mover

3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that Senator Muhammad Zahid Khan moved a privilege motion in the House on 4th June, 2014, against the Secretary, Public Health and Engineering Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which was held in order and referred to the Committee by the Chairman. The Committee held a number of meetings on the motion and discussed its subject matter. The Mover of the motion and the Secretary Public Health and Engineering Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, were given ample opportunity to explain their point of view.

4. The Secretary against whom the privilege motion was moved did not attend the first three meetings of the Committee on this motion. All the Members of the Committee were of the view that strict action should be taken on the irresponsible behavior of the Secretary. The Chairman Committee stated that non-attendance of meeting by Secretary was a defiance and disobedience of the order of the Committee.

5. Senator Muhammad Zahid Khan, while explaining the issue, informed that he got funds from the Prime Minister of Pakistan for water supply scheme for village Bhandra, District Dir. On the completion of the scheme, he contacted the said officer, who was the Secretary of the Department concerned, and asked him to make arrangements for inaugural ceremony of the scheme. The Secretary agreed for the same. That department completed the arrangements and informed that the inaugural ceremony will be held on the agreed date i.e. the 28th March, 2014. The Secretary also assured that the employees of concerned department will present in the ceremony. When he (the Senator) reached the venue with the notables of the area, not even a single employee of that department was present. The Senator was of the said behavior of the Secretary was in the presence of notables of the area was very insulting due to which his privilege as a Member of the Senate was breached.

6. The Secretary, Health Engineering Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, informed that on 27th March, he received a phone call in the afternoon of the Private Secretary to the Senator who asked to make the arrangement for inaugural ceremony in question. He passed on orders to the XEN, Malakand Division, and Superintendent Engineer for appropriate action and to do the needful. About the absence from meetings of the Committee, he said that when he was called to attend the meeting he was in Dubai. He came to know about the committee meeting through media. About the reasons for non-presence of other employees of the Department at ceremony, the Committee was informed the concerned officer of the Department was to go to court and was unable to attend the meeting. The Secretary said that they have a great respect for the Senator. He excused and regretted over.

7. Senator Ch. Muhammad Jaffar Iqbal proposed that if the absence of Secretary was not willful, the matter should be disposed off. Senator Abdul Rauf commented that bureaucrats do not take care of politicians. Senator Hidayat Ullah was of the view that the clarification given and apology tendered by the Secretary should be accepted.

8. The apology tendered by the Secretary was accepted. The Committee recommended that after apology tendered by the officer concerned, no action is required to be taken against him.

(MUHAMMAD ANWAR)
J.S. / Secretary Committee

(SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR
HUSSAIN MASHHADI)
Chairman