

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON PRIVILEGE MOTION NO. 1(123)/2016-M, MOVED BY SENATOR KARIM AHMED KHAWAJA ON 20TH JANUARY, 2016.

(Report No. 22 of 2016)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1(123)/2016-M, moved by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on 20th January, 2016, regarding the careless behavior of Chief Secretary, Secretary Planning and Development, Secretary Coastal Development Authority and Secretary Disaster Management Authority, Government of Balochistan, and not attending meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Reforms held on 8th January, 2016.

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

1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilalur Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
8.	Senator Saud Majeed	Member
9.	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
10.	Senator Zaheerud Din Babar Awan	Member
11.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
12.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
13.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the matter before the Committee were that the Senate standing committee on Planning, Development and Reform formed a sub-committee.

Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja, convener of that sub-committee, convened a meeting of that committee on 8th January, 2016. The Chief Secretary, Secretary Planning and Development, Secretary Coastal Development Authority and Secretary Disaster Management Authority, Government of Balochistan, were called in the meeting but they did not attend the same. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved a Privilege Motion on 20th January, 2016, regarding the said defiance by the officers which was held in order and referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report. The Committee considered the motion in its meetings held on 15th and 26th February, 2016. The said officers were summoned to appear before the Committee and explain their position on the matter.

4. The Chairman Committee stated that the sub-committee was constituted to look into the serious matter of sea erosion. The Chief Secretary, Secretary Planning & Development, Secretary Coastal Development Authority and Secretary Disaster Management, Government of Balochistan, were called in the meeting of sub-committee to propose some remedial measures in this regard but they did not attend the meeting which was highly objectionable. He said that all the officers were respectable but their non-cooperation in solving issues of national importance was not acceptable. Such type of behavior with the Parliament and its committees can not be taken lightly.

5. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja, while pleading his motion, stated that there was a lot of sea erosion in Sindh and Balochistan due to which millions acre fertile land was being wasted. It was a serious threat which demands immediate steps. The sub-committee constituted on the issue called the said officers but they neither attended the meeting nor bothered to inform the committee about the reasons for not attending the same. The work of Committee was halted by the said officers. He

stated that the matter before the Committee was a matter relating to the future of the coming generation and the officers should have cooperated in it.

6. The Chief Secretary, Balochistan stated that the meeting of the sub-committee was convened for 8th January, 2016. The Chief Minister directed him to go to Gawadar in connection with some official business and he remained there for 10 days due to which he could not check the mail including the notice for that committee. He also stated that the next meeting of the sub-committee was scheduled for 10th February, 2016, and all the concerned officers were ready to attend the same, however, the meeting could not be held. He assured that all the concerned quarters will help the sub-committee whenever it will meet. He assured full cooperation in case the sub-committee visits Balochistan costal areas. Regarding the reasons for non-attending the meeting by other officers, he stated that two times of meeting were mentioned in the notice. The officers assumed that the meeting will be held at 02.30 p.m. and they reached the Parliament House in the afternoon but they were informed that the meeting had been held in the morning. However he and all other concerned officers tendered apology for the inconvenience caused to the sub-committee.

7. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja stated that his only intention was to highlight the gravity of the issue for which the sub-committee was formed. The officers should had realized the seriousness of the issue. He said that as the officers have assured to extend cooperation to the sub-committee, he did not want to press the motion. The mover and the other Members of the Committee were satisfied over the explanation given by the concerned officers. The motion was not pressed by the mover.

8. The Chairman Committee appreciated the mover as well the officers. He hoped that after assurance given by the officers, the work of sub-committee will be

accomplished in best manner. The committee recommended that no further action is required in the matter.



(Muhammad Anwar)
A.S. / Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Chairman