

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE DUE TO FAILURE OF THE SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY AND RESEARCH, ISLAMABAD IN SUBMITTING REPLY TO THE SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO. 67, ASKED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI.

(Report No. 26 of 2016)

I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on the Breach of Privilege of the House due to failure of the Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research in submitting reply to the Senate starred question No. 67, asked by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, regarding the funds allocated for food processing industry in the Country during the last two years, which was set down for answering on 19th April, 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 Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
9.	Senator Zaheerud Din Babar Awan	Member
10.	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
11.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
12.	Senator Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
13.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

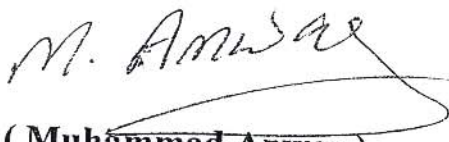
3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that a starred question No. 67, asked by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, regarding the funds allocated for food processing industry in the Country during the last two years, was set down for answering on 19th April, 2016. The Ministry did not provide the reply to that question due to which the matter was referred to the Committee for investigation and report. The Committee discussed the matter in its meetings held on 5th May and 8th June, 2016. The Secretaries

of the Ministries of National Food Security and Research and Industries & Production were called to explain their position.

4. The Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research informed that starred question No. 67 was received in their Ministry with Dy. No.8 on 1st March, 2016. The question was processed in the technical wing of the Ministry and it was found that the same pertained to the Ministry of Industries & Production. Therefore, the question was transferred to that Ministry on 9th March, 2016 as required under rule 39(2) of the Rules of Business, 1973. The question was received again with No. 67 in their Ministry on 1st April, 2016 which was forwarded again to Ministry of Industries & Production on the same day with an endorsement to the Senate Secretariat. The Secretary said that the question was transferred in time to the concerned Ministry i.e. the Ministry of Industries & Production, which accepted the same on 28th April, 2016.

5. The Secretary, Ministry of Industries & Production, regretted for not conveying acceptance of question timely to Ministry of National Food Security and Research and the Senate Secretariat. He informed that more than one Organizations/Corporations of that Ministry were involved. The offices from which the information asked for through that question was to be collected were at Lahore, Multan, Kunri and Swat due to which they could not respond promptly. He apologized for oversight in not communicating about the acceptability of question to the Ministry of Food and Security.

6. After detailed discussion and deliberation the Committee accepted apology tendered by the Secretary Ministry of Industries & Production and disposed off the matter. The committee recommends that no further action be taken in the matter.



(Muhammad Anwar)
A.S. / Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Chairman