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REPORT ON THE CONTEMPT OF THE HOUSE BY MR. MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, BY REFERRING THE MATTER RAISED BY SENATOR SARDAR MUHAMMAD AZAM KHAN MUSAKHEL ON 4TH OCTOBER, 2016 REGARDING UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN PSDP AND NON-RELEASING OF FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR SMALL PROVINCES, AT THE LAST MOMENT TO THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND REFORMS.

PRESTENDED BY

SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI
CHAIRMAN

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONTEMPT OF THE HOUSE BY MR. MUHAMMAD AYUB KHAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE.

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I, Chairman of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the Committee on the Contempt of the House by Mr. Muhammad Ayub Khan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance.

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

1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilal-ur-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 Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan	Member
10.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. The details of the issue before the Committee were that Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel raised an issue on 4th October, 2016, regarding unequal distribution of funds in PSDP and non-releasing of funds allocated for small provinces. The Chairman directed to send the matter to the Ministry of Finance so that the Minister may respond in the House. The matter was referred to that Ministry on 5th October, 2016. The Ministry did not take any action on the communication received from the Senate Secretariat. The Senate Secretariat again sent a letter to the Ministry of Finance on 18th November, 2016 and Placed the matter on the Orders of the Day for 21st November, 2016. Mr.

Muhammad Ayub Khan, the Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance, transferred the matter to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms on 21st November, 2016, (on the day the same was to be taken up in the House). The Honourable Chairman Senate held this delayed action on the part of the said Deputy Secretary as contempt of the House and referred the same to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for investigation and report. The committee discussed the matter in its meeting held on 3rd February, 2017. The Secretary Finance and the officer concerned were called in the meeting.

4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel wanted to highlight the inequality in distribution of development funds amongst the provinces by referring various provisions in the PSDP but the committee asked him to highlight the same in the House as the matter before the committee was the contempt of the House and not the distribution of funds.

5. Senator Atta ur Rehman said that the matter raised by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel was referred to the Ministry of Finance for response. The Ministry of Finance transferred the same to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms on last day inspite of the fact that the matter was referred to the Ministry of Finance more than one month earlier.

6. Senator Saeed Ghani stated that the matter referred to the Committee was the contempt of the House. The Ministry of Finance did not take action promptly on the matter referred to it and transferred the same to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms at eleventh hour. It was not a privilege motion moved by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel. The matter referred to the Committee relates to transferring the matter raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms very late.

