

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**REPORT ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE DUE TO  
NON-PROVISION OF REPLY TO SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO.  
7, ASKED BY SENATOR NISAR MUHAMMAD, ON 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017.**

**PRESTENDED BY**

**SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI**  
**CHAIRMAN**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE DUE TO NON-PROVISION OF REPLY TO STARRED QUESTION NO. 7, SET DOWN FOR ANSWERING ON 11TH APRIL, 2017.

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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 breach of privilege of the House due to non-provision of reply to starred question No. 7, asked by Senator Nisar Muhammad, which was set down for answering on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017.

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 Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.	Ex-Officio Member

3. Senator Nisar Muhammad attended the meeting as mover of the said question.

4. The details of the issue before the Committee were that Senator Nisar Muhammad asked question No. 7 regarding compensation paid by the Government to the heirs of martyrs of Army Public School, Peshawar, which was set down for answering on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. The Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control, to which the question was addressed, did not provide the reply to that question due to which the Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for investigation and report. The committee discussed the


matter in its meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. The Secretary and Joint Secretary (legal) of the said Ministry were called in the meeting.

5. The Chairman committee said that in some cases the Ministries do not provide replies to questions while in some other cases incomplete replies are provided by them. Sometime some parts of the questions are missed. He said that such situations create embarrassing position for the Ministers in the House. It is also embarrassing for the Secretaries when such matters are referred to the committee. He directed that if any question does not relate to a Ministry, it should immediately be transferred to the concerned Ministry to avoid inordinate delay and enable the concerned quarters to take appropriate action thereon and furnish its reply in time.

6. Senator Nisar Muhammad said that, according to the working papers, question No. 7 had been transferred to the Ministry of Finance. As the question pertained to the Ministry of Finance, non-provision of reply to it by the Ministry of Interior was not a big mistake.

7. The Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control informed that question No. 7, was dealing with compensation paid to the heirs of martyrs of Army Public School, Peshawar, which was not related to the Ministry of Interior. He also informed that the question was transferred to the Ministry of Finance which did not accept the same. He proposed that the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs should evolve a mechanism to deal with such situation. He also stated that the Parliamentary oversight help the executive in improving the state of affairs and put the things in right direction.

8. The Secretary, Ministry of Interior and Narcotics Control, informed that the compensation to the heirs of Army Public Schools, Peshawar, was paid by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He also informed that they have referred the question to that Government and the information will be provided to the House after



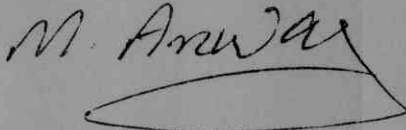
collecting the same from that Government. He apologized for inconvenience caused to the House and assured that in future they will ensure the provision of replies to Senate questions in time.

9. The Chairman committee was of the view that higher officers of the Ministries do not take care of parliamentary business. He said that there was a need to develop a system for handling the questions in Ministries.


10. Senator Nighat Mirza said that a lot of time of the House is wasted due to non-provision of replies to questions by the concerned quarters. She proposed that the Ministries should provide replies to questions in time.

11. Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar was of the view that strict action should be taken against the officers who failed to provide the reply to the said question. He proposed that action should be taken on such lapses in order to put the things in right direction.

12. The apology tendered by the Secretary and Joint Secretary, Ministry of Interior, was accepted by the committee. The committee recommended that the House may also accept the apology and dispose off the matter accordingly.



(Muhammad Anwar)  
A.S. / Secretary Committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)  
Chairman