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PROVISION OF INCOMPLETE REPLY TO SENATE STARRED
QUESTION NO. 55, ASKED BY SENATOR CHAUDHRY TANVIR
KHAN SET DOWN, FOR ANSWERING ON 12TH APRIL, 2017.**

PRESTENDED BY

**SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI
CHAIRMAN**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BREACH OF PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE DUE TO PROVISION OF INCOMPLETE REPLY TO SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO. 55, ASKED BY SENATOR CHAUDHRY TANVIR KHAN.

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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 Senate by the Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research and by the Heads of Attached Departments and bodies under the administrative control of that Ministry by providing incomplete reply to Senate starred question No. 55, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, which was set down for answering on 12th 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. The details of the matter before the Committee were that Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan asked starred question No. 55, regarding the official vehicles with the Ministry of National Food Security and with the Departments and Bodies under the administrative control of that Ministry, which was set down for answering on 12th April, 2017. The mover pointed out that the reply furnished by some of the said Departments and Bodies was incomplete as the names of officers/officials who were



using those vehicles were not provided. The Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report. The committee considered the matter in its meetings held on 5th May, and 19th May, 2017. The Secretary National Food Security and Research and Heads of Departments and Bodies under the administrative control of that Ministry were called in the meetings. The mover of the question under consideration could not attend the meetings due to some engagements, however, he asked the Chairman committee to take up the matter and dispose off the same if the committee is satisfied on the clarification given by the concerned quarters to the committee.

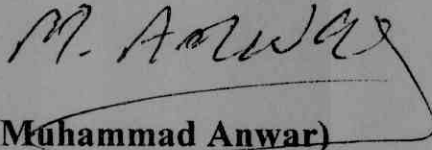
4. The Chairman committee said that concealing the information from the Senate was very alarming. He said that incomplete and incorrect information was provided in reply to the said question which was a breach of privilege of the Senate. The Government is responsible to the Parliament and it is the responsibility of the concerned departments to provide complete information asked for by the Members through questions.

5. The Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research admitted that there was some deficiency in the reply to the said question. He informed that the information asked for through that question was voluminous which could not be compiled and provided to the Senate within due date. He admitted the mistake and apologized for the same. He assured that the Ministry would be more vigilant in future while dealing with the parliamentary business and such mistake will not be repeated. A complete reply to that question was provided to the committee.

6. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah proposed that the Secretary, National Food Security and Research should issue instructions to all sections and departments under the administrative control of that Ministry to provide complete and correct replies to the Senate questions in future.

7. The Chairman Committee directed that all the concerned should remain careful in future. He also directed that the information asked for by the Senate should be complete in all respects. He said that in future such negligence and carelessness will not be tolerated. He directed further that the Secretary should keep an eye on such matters and if there is any deficiency in the replies, the same should be removed before submitting the same to the Senate Secretariat.

8. The apology tendered by the Secretary was accepted by the Committee and the matter was disposed off. 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