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COORDINATION, ISLAMABAD, BY PROVIDING INCORRECT AND  
INCOMPLETE REPLY TO SENATE STARRED QUESTION NO. 52,  
ASKED BY SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH, SET  
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**PRESTENDED BY**

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

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## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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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 Inter-Provincial Coordination, Islamabad, by providing incorrect and incomplete reply to Senate starred question No. 52, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, 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 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 matter before the Committee were that Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh asked starred question No. 52 which was set down for answering on 12th April, 2017. There was inconsistency in the written reply and that provided by the Minister in response to a supplementary question to the said question. The Senator also pointed out some discrepancies in the reply and stated that



the reply was incomplete and incorrect. 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 meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> May, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June and 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2017.

4. The Chairman committee said that the information provided to the Senate should be correct and complete in all respects. He inquired about the reasons for inconsistency in the written reply to question No.52 provided by the Ministry and the reply given by the Minister in response to a supplementary question thereto.

5. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, the mover of this item, stated that incomplete and incorrect information was provided in reply to question No. 52. He inquired that as to whether any officer was allowed to continue on the same post for more than 3 years as per Estacode. He also inquired that as to why the present Secretary IBCC was serving in the same position since 2008. He inquired further about the dates of appointment, promotion and retirement of the said Secretary. He said that in reply to part (b) of the question it was informed that Mr. Muhammad Ramzan was serving regularly as Secretary IBCC since his promotion in BPS 20 in September, 2008. While replying the supplementary questions, the Minister informed that the Secretary was in BPS-21. He also said that he asked information regarding the procedure for making appointment of Chairman and Secretary IBCC and the authority which make appointment against those positions but the same was not there in reply. He inquired that as to whether the provisions of Estacode were applicable to the Chairman, Secretary and the other persons working in IBCC. He inquired further that whether the promotion of Secretary IBCC from BPS 20 to 21 was made on the recommendations of any selection board or otherwise. He asked for the details of the selection board for promotion against the post of Secretary IBCC.

6. The Additional Secretary, IPC, stated that the written reply provided by the Ministry to that question was the actual one. He said that the reply was provided in

line with the question. He reiterated that the reply provided by them was correct. He said that if more information is required, the member may give a fresh notice and the same will be provided. He apologized for inconvenience caused to the mover and the House.

7. The Secretary IBCC informed that the information provided to the Ministry in connection with Senate question No. 52 was old one. He stated that he was promoted to BPS-21 in 2013 and that information was provided to the Minister by him through e-mail. He said that the Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination made a phone call to him about half an hour before the session and obtained some information. He also apologized for inconvenience caused to the member and the House.

8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar stated that the question No. 52 was a simple question. The information asked by the mover in the committee was not asked for through that question. He said that the factual position was placed before the House in response to that question. The Secretary, IBCC, provided the same information to the Ministry, however, the Ministry, inadvertently, missed the year of promotion of the Secretary in the reply to that question.

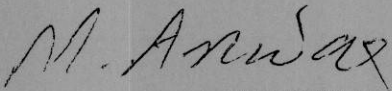
9. Senator Farhatullah Babar was of the view that the Ministry has apologized for the mistake and the intent of the Ministry was not mala fide. After admitting mistake by them there was no need to pursue the matter further. He also proposed that the apology tendered by the concerned officers may be accepted. He proposed that if the member was not satisfied over the statement made by the Ministry, he may move a motion under rule 60 to discuss the subject matter of the question under consideration.

10. Senator Maulan Atta Ur Rehman also was of the view that the position was made clear by the Ministry. He proposed that the apology may be accepted.



11. The committee was informed that the question will be taken up again in the House after having being laid the report of the committee thereon. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh proposed that the committee should instruct the Ministry to give complete reply when the question will be placed on the list again.

12. The Chairman committee directed that such mistake should not be repeated in future. The committee directed the Ministry to provide complete and correct information in reply to that question when the same will be taken up in the House. The committee as well as the mover accepted the apology tendered by the Ministry on the basis of assurance given by them to provide the information asked for by the mover as mentioned above. The committee recommended to the House to dispose off the matter in view of the clarification given and apology tendered by the Ministry.



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Chairman