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NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES MEETS TODAY Islamabad, the 12th April, 2021: A meeting of the National Assembly Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges was held today at 1:00 p.m in Committee Room # 2, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon, MNA.

The Committee confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 10-2-2021;

On the Amendments moved by Shazia Marri, MNA in Rules 200(1), 206, 208(1), 210, 212, 244(A)(2), 244(B) and 244(C)(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the National Assembly, 2007(Referred on 8-5-2019); the Committee disposed of the amendments with the following recommendations:

All the Chiefs/Heads of Political Parties should strengthen their Political Parties.

Maximum tickets should be given by the Political Parties to their women politicians in General elections.

In the next Assembly, all Political Parties should ensure maximum participation of their women parliamentarians in the Committees.

On General seats, the Political Parties should give maximum chance to the ladies.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Mr. Fawad Ahmed, Minister for Science & Technology regarding character assassination of the Hon. Minister on BOL TV Channel (Referred on 02-01-2020); the Committee pended the Question of Privilege with the direction to Secretary Committee that all the previous recommendations of the Committee should be sent to Secretary, M/o Information and Broadcasting for compliance. The Committee also directed that the Secretary M/o Information and Broadcasting should have a meeting with D.G PEMRA and the compliance report should be forwarded to the Committee before its next meeting.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Ms. Shahida Rehmani, MNA regarding inaction of Inspector General of Police, Sindh, Karachi, Additional Inspector General of Police, Sindh, Karachi, and Director General, Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) on her complaints regarding receiving of threatening calls on her telephone and mobile, the Committee disposed of the Question of Privilege with the recommendations that necessary action should be taken against the arrested person as per law. The Committee also directed that the M/o Interior should have a joint meeting with PTA and FIA and a proper mechanism should be prepared in this regard. The Committee also directed that Home Secretary, Sindh and I.G.P Sindh should provide at least two gunmen and two guards to the Hon. Members of the Parliament and report to the Committee within fifteen days.

On the Briefing by Barrister Raheel Ahmed on the issue of contempt of Parliament including the Briefing by M/o Parliamentary Affairs on preparation of draft Bill on the contempt of Parliament (issue raised on 05-03-2020); the Committee decided that Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, MNA, Mr. Abdul Latif Yousafzai, Advisor (Legal & Constitutional Matters), Secretary M/o Parliamentary Affairs, Barrister Qasim Ali Chowhan, Adll.A.G, Punjab and Barrister Raheel Ahmed should have a last joint meeting on the vetting of the draft Bill and report to the Committee within ten days. The Committee pended the issue till its next meeting.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Mr. Ali Nawaz Shah, MNA regarding not attending the telephone calls of the Hon. MNA by Mr. Ali Mangi, Secretary Education, Sindh, Mr. Shafiq, Chief Municipal Officer, Mir Pur Khas and Superintendent of Police (S.P), Mirpur Khas, Sindh. (Referred on 11-3-2020); as the Hon. Mover did not attend the meeting, therefore, the Committee unanimously decided to pend the Question of Privilege till its next meeting.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Mr. Abdul Shakoor Shad, MNA regarding non response to the telephone call of the honourable MNA by Commissioner Karachi. (Referred on 10-8-

2020); as the Hon. Mover did not attend the meeting, therefore, the Committee unanimously decided to pend the Question of Privilege till its next meeting.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan, Minister for States and Frontier Regions and Mr. Muhammad Ameer Sultan, Parliamentary Secretary for National Food Security and Research regarding alleged non-cooperation of DPO, Jhang with the MNAs on telephone; the Committee pended the Question of Privilege with the following recommendations:

The I.G.P, Punjab should frame the charges against the Ex.D.P.O, Distt.Jhang.

Action should be taken against the Ex.DPO Distt. Jhang as per E&D Rules.

The leave of the Ex.DPO, Distt.Jhang should be cancelled.

The NOC of Ex.DPO, Distt Jhang should be cancelled.

An inquiry should be initiated against the Ex.DPO Distt. Jhang under Services Rules.

The Chief Secretary, Punjab, I.G.P, Punjab and Secretary (Services) Services & General Administration Department, Govt of Punjab should have a joint meeting on this issue and submit a positive report to the Committee within one week.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Mr. Ramesh Lal, MNA, regarding allegedly misbehavior of Mr. Amjad and Mr. Ahmed, Sub-Inspector with the Hon. Member on Motorway near Nankana Sahib and lodge a FIR in Police Station, Jaranwala against the Hon. MNA and not responding telephone calls of Hon. MNA by Mr. Kaleem Imam, Inspector General, Motorway Police. (Referred on 26-1-2021); as the IG, Motorways Police tendered an un-conditional apology before the Committee and the Hon. Mover as well, therefore, the Committee unanimously decided to dispose of the Question of Privilege. The Committee also directed that the Punjab Police should discharge the case against the Hon. Mover in this regard.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Malik Anwar Taj, MNA/Parliamentary Secretary, regarding misbehavior/abusive attitude of Mr. Aman Ullah, Assistant Director (Local Government) District Charsadda, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, as the Hon. Mover did not attend the meeting, therefore, the Committee unanimously decided to pend the Question of Privilege till its next meeting.

On the Question of Privilege raised by Mr. Ali Nawaz Awan, MNA regarding non-cooperation of Director, Pakistan Institute of Medical Science (PIMS), Islamabad with the Honourable MNAs regarding admission in hospital for oxygen/ventilator for COVID-19 patients and not-attending the meeting by the Director, PIMS under the Chairmanship of Honourable Speaker, National Assembly of Pakistan on 7th April, 2021; as the Hon. Mover did not attend the meeting, therefore, the Committee unanimously decided to pend the Question of Privilege till its next meeting. During discussion, Dr. Raja Shafeeq Sarwar, Director (Hospital), PIMS informed the Committee that he was not willing to join the PIMS as Director (Hospital) as he has been retired from the Govt. Service, However he was appointed in PIMS. He also informed the Committee that he himself had been a patient of Cancer and he is going to leave this job on 26th of this month as he has already requested to the Board. He further stated that he has a lot of respect of the Hon. Speaker, the Committee and the Hon. Mover as well. Dr. Raja Shafeeq also stated before the Committee that no additional funds have been provided to the Hospital for the treatment of COVID-19 patients. He also added that the OPDs of PIMS Hospital are lying closed which may kindly be opened. The Committee recommended that the process of vaccination should be shifted from PIMS Hospital to Pak-China Trade Centre. The Committee also invited Dr. Faisal Sultan, the Federal Health Minister in the next meeting of the Committee. The Hon. Minister of State for the Parliamentary Affairs asked that this forum appreciate all the steps taken by Dr. Shafeeq Sarwar sb for the treatment of Corona Patients in PIMS Hospital. The Hon. Minister of State also added that this is the Parliament of Pakistan and it can summon each and every citizen of Country.

The Committee also desired that the President, Zarai Taraqiyatti Bank Limited (ZTBL) should be invited in the next meeting of the Committee as some Hon. Members have their issues with ZTBL.

The meeting was attended by Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon, Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Khan Dullah, Mr. Nawab Sher, Mr. Khurram Shehzad, Ms. Ghulam Bibi, Mian Muhammad Shafiq, Mr. Muhammad Sajjad, Chaudhry Armghan Subhani, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Mr. Muhammad Junaid Anwar Chaudhary, Syed Imran Ahmad Shah, Pir Syed Fazal Ali Shah Jillani, Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, Ms. Shagufta Jumani, and Eng. Ali Muhammad Khan, Advocate, MNAs/Minister of State.

The meeting was also attended by Ms. Shahida Rehmani, Sahibzada Muhammad Mehboob Sultan and Mr. Ramesh Lal, MNA/Movers/Minister.

The meeting was also attended by the Special Invitee Nawabzada Shazain Bugti, MNA. The Committee also invited Mr. Riaz Mahmood Mazari, MNA as a Special Invitee.

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(Malik Khaleeq Ahmed)

Secretary Committee