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PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PUNJAB

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE NO.1 REGARDING CALL ATTENTION NOTICE NO. 39/24 MOVED BY MS RAHILA KHADIM HUSSAIN, MPA (W-304)

The Call Attention Notice No.39/24 (Annexed) was referred to Special Committee No.1 on 9 May 2024. The Committee considered the same in its sittings held on 21.05.2024, 22.05.2024 and 29.5.2024.

2. The following were present:

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| 1. Mr Khurram Khan Virk, MPA (PP-48) | Convener |
| 2. Mr Mujtaba Shuja Ur Rehman
Minister for Finance & Parliamentary Affairs
(Attended on 21.05.2024) | Ex-officio Member |
| 3. Rana Munawar Hussain, MPA (PP-78) | Member |
| 4. Mr Khalid Mahmood Ranjha, MPA (PP-42) | Member |
| 5. Mr Usama Leghari, MPA (PP-287) | Member |
| 6. Mr Muhammad Bilal Yamin, MPA (PP-6)
(Attended on 21.05.2024 & 29.05.2024) | Member |
| 7. Rai Muhammad Murtaza Iqbal, MPA (PP-203) | Member |
| 8. Mr Ahmer Bhatti, MPA (PP-165)
(Attended on 22.05.2024 & 29.05.2024) | Member |
| 9. Mr Qasim Nadeem, MPA (PP-199) | Member |
| 10. Ms Sarah Ahmad, MPA (W-339)
(Attended on 21.05.2024 & 29.05.2024) | Member |
| 11. Ms Salma Butt, MPA (W-307) | Member |
| 12. Ms Kanwal Pervez Chaudhry, MPA (W-308)
(Attended on 21.05.2024 & 22.05.2024) | On invitation |
| 13. Mr Shahbaz Ahmad, MPA (PP-130) | On invitation |
| 14. Ms Rahila Khadim Hussain, MPA (W-304) | Mover |

3. Mr Muhammad Asif Balal Lodhi, Secretary, Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department and Mr Adnan Shehzad, Additional Secretary (Police), Government of the Punjab, Home Department represented their Departments. Ch Amer Habib, Secretary General, Provincial Assembly of the Punjab, functioned as Secretary to the Committee.

4. Ms Rahila Khadim Hussain, MPA (W-304), mover of the Call Attention Notice placed before the Committee that her Call Attention Notice was regarding highhandedness of SHO Rana Mujahid and an ASI of Police Station Shalimar, Lahore against two persons namely Mehr Shahbaz Ahmad (former Chairman Union Council) and his aide Mr Awais in an harassment case. She further explained that the parties had entered into an agreement of settlement in which Ms Zeenat (the plaintiff), had stated that she (Ms Zeenat) had no issue now with Mr Awais. However, despite this settlement, the police officials from PS Shalimar detained Mr Awais while there was no FIR against him. The Mover further apprised the Committee that after illegal detention of Mr Awais, the ex-Chairman of the Union Council, Mehar Shahbaz approached the Police Station just for inquiring the reason of detention of Mr Awais, but the SHO detained him as well, and both were tortured in police custody with an iron rod.

5. The DIG (Operations) Lahore, placed before the Committee that action had been taken against the responsible officers. The Committee directed the Department to inquire into the matter and submit documents/orders regarding the departmental action taken against the responsible officials of the incident in the next meeting.


6. In the next sitting of the Committee, the SP, Shalimar, Lahore admitted that the SHO, PS, Shalimar had mismanaged the situation and had been found guilty in the matter. Therefore, he had been removed of his assignment as SHO, PS Shalimar. Moreover, departmental action against the ASI, on duty, had also been taken. The SP submitted orders of the disciplinary actions taken against the responsible officers/officials to the Committee.

7. The Convener was satisfied with the action taken by the Department and unanimously recommended, with the consent of the Mover, that the said Call Attention Notice may be treated as disposed of with the directions that responsible SHO might not be assigned any such obligatory duty, in future.

Lahore
29 May 2024


(KHURRAM KHAN VIRK)
Convener
Special Committee No.1

Lahore
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Secretary General