

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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The Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, met in the Parliament House today, the 29th January, 2015 in Committee Room # 07, under the Chairmanship of Mian Abdul Mannan, MNA regarding to consider the Report of the Sub-Committee prepared by Dr. Nafisa Shah, MNA (Convener) and others.

2. The Terms of References of Sub-Committee was:-
 - i). To consider the matter regarding legislation pertaining to privileges of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) and members of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament), salaries and allowances of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Senate, Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly and Members of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament).
 - ii). To consider legislation pertaining to punishment of persons who refuse to give evidence or produce documents before committees of National Assembly or the Senate.
3. The Committee Members were informed by Dr. Nafisa Shah, MNA/ Convener of the Sub-Committee about the background constitutional provisions on privileges of the Parliament, privilege to attend session in custody and other immunities and expert views of Senator Aitzaz Ahsan. She said that 1963 law gave immunity to the member for personal appearance before civil and revenue courts for a period of 14 days before and 14 days after the session. However, it was struck down by the Shariat Court. She further stated that legislation pertaining to punishment of persons who refuse to given evidence or produce documents before the Committees of the National Assembly or the Senate should be reviewed and law should be made in this regard.
4. After detailed discussion it was decided by the Committee that a joint meeting of the Standing Committee on Rules of Privileges will be called to consider the Sub-Committee Report for further necessary measures.
5. Meeting was attended by Sardar Ashiq Hussain Gopan, Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla, Sheikh Muhammad Akram Mr. Rasheed Ahmad Khan, Ch. Salman Haneef Khan, Ms. Belum Hasnain, Ms. Shahida Rehmani, Dr. Nafisa Shah, Mr. Salim Rehman, Syed Essa Noori and Ms. Shahjehan Munir Mangrio, MNAs and besides senior officers from Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.


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Secretary Committee
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