SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

Date and Day	30 th August, 2018 (THURSDAY)
Commenced at	11:00 A.M.
Adjourned at	2:05 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	74
Total Working Hours	3 hours 05 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

The Advisor to Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. Babar Awan, responded the issue of security threats to Mian Iftikhar Hussain, General Secretary of ANP, raised by Senator Sitara Ayaz on 28th August, 2018

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 89, 91, 99, 103, 104, 106 and 108 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 90, 93, 94, 105, and 107 were referred to the concerned Standing Committees. Question Nos. 88 and 100 were deferred. Replies to Question Nos. 19, 86, 92, 97, 98, 101, and 102 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of Members concerned. The remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved his **Adj. Motion No. 1** (2-281/2018-M) regarding the fake clinics and dispensaries operating in rural areas increasing fatality rate in the country.

After hearing the Member on admissibility, the Acting Chairman referred the subject matter of the adjournment motion to the concerned Standing Committee.

- 2. Senator Sherry Rehman withdrew her **Adj. Motion No. 2 (6-281/2018-M)** regarding the whopping current account deficit of Pakistan which has soared upto 17.994 billion USD till the end of Fiscal Year, 2018.
- 3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved his **Adj. Motion No. 3** (7-281/2018-M) regarding the issue of rigging in General Elections, 2018.

After hearing the Member on admissibility, the Acting Chairman held the Motion in order for two hours' discussion after the Agenda items were completed.

UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani moved for suspension of relevant rules in order to enable the House to pass a resolution on the eve of International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

The Motion was adopted, thereafter, Senator Mian Raza Rabbani moved the resolution which was put to the House and passed unanimously.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

The Calling Attention Notice in the names of Senators Muhammad Azam Khan Swati and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh regarding the alleged failure of Result Transmission System (RTS) in the General Elections, 2018, and the performance of Election Commission of Pakistan in this regard was withdrawn by the Members as adjournment motion has already been admitted on the same issue.

• Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Islamabad Educational Territory Private Capital Institutions (Registration (Amendment) introduced by Senator Mian Regulation) Bill, 2016, Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 19th December, 2016, may be extended for a further period of forty five working days with effect from 30th August, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

• Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Samina Saeed on 9th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of forty five working days with effect from 30th August, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES - PRESENTATION OF:

- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 4(276)/2018-M moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 10th April, 2018 regarding failure of the head of PSQCA in providing copy of a Bill which the Government was supposed to introduce.
- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1(276)/2018-M moved by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 3rd May, 2018 regarding misbehavior by the security personnel deputed on the route of Prime Minister's convoy on 9th March, 2018.
- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1 (277)/2018-M, moved by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb

Jamaldini on 11th May, 2018, regarding misbehavior by XEN, C&W Department Noshki, Balochistan.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

The Calling Attention Notice in the names of Senators Mian Raza Rabbani, Sherry Rehman and Dr. Sikandar Mandhro to draw attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the demands raised by a delegation of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) during their recent visit regarding expeditious implementation of the recommendations agreed by Pakistan and the implications of FATF Report on Pakistan's Grey listing was deferred for tomorrow due to absence of the Minister for Finance.

The Chairman directed the Leader of the House to make sure presence of the Minister in the House tomorrow.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik raised a point of public importance regarding Pakistani expatriates in Iranian prisons sentenced to death by the Iran Government. Due to a recent relaxation in Iranian rules regarding the death sentence, the Senator suggested that the matter may be taken up with the Iranian Foreign Minister.

Mr. Babar Awan responded the issue.

2. Senator Muhammad Akram raised the issue of imposition of ban on circulation of DAWN newspaper in many districts of Balochistan.

The Acting Chairman stated that he will speak to management of DAWN newspaper and try to know the real position.

3. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out a working paper prepared by the Caretaker Finance Minister regarding the reducing the share of provinces in NFC on the pretext of security related expenditures of Federal Government. Senators Hasil Khan Bizenjo and Leader of the House, Senator Shibli Faraz also spoke on the issue.

The Acting Chairman assured that this House will not allow anything like this to happen and the Chair is with you and with every other member of the House. 4. Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the proposal of the Government to merge the media regulatory authorities.

The Acting Chairman directed the Minister to come in the House and respond the issue.

The Leader of the House also responded the issue.

5. Senator Imamuddin Shoukeen pointed out that the Sindh is not getting its due share in water.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.

6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh raised a point of public importance regarding excessive billing of gas to the commercial consumers.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.

7. Senator Sitara Ayaz raised a point of pubic importance regarding the shortcomings of the Parliament Lodges. She pointed out the construction equipment is scattered in the vicinity.

The Acting Chairman assured that he will take up this issue with CDA.

- 8. Senator Bahramand Hangi raised a point of public importance regarding the problems of tobacco growers in District Charsadda. Furthermore, the Senator talked about the low pressure of gas in the rural areas. He also raised the issue of protection of landlords in the district.
- 9. Senator Ashok Kumar raised a point of public importance regarding the offloading of hajis belonging to Quetta by PIA at Karachi.
- 10. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding lowering of water bed in Balochistan. He also pointed out various problems being faced by the agricultures in Balochistan with particular reference to tomato growers in the country..

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report within 15 days.

The Member further spoke about the media censorship.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.

11. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised a point of public importance and informed the House about the blocking of internet in different parts of Balochistan.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

The Senator also pointed out the limited coverage of Telecommunication companies throughout Balochistan.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.

- 12. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik raised various issues of governance.
- 13. Senator Barrister Muhammad Ali Khan Saif raised a point of public importance regarding the problems being faced by politicians and lawyers in banking transactions on the pretext of politically exposed persons..

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report

14. Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about the upcoming visit of US Foreign Secretary to Pakistan and proposed the course of action which should be adopted by the Government.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani also spoke on the issue.

The Acting Chairman stated that he will call the Foreign Minister and will also request the Prime Minister to come in the House and explain the matter.

15. Senator Dilawar Khan raised a point of public importance regarding the delay in renewal of arms licenses by NBP on various pretexts.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report

16. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen discussed the coal mine incident in Quetta and various causalities in coal mines all across Balochistan. He requested that Government should take action in supporting the affectees.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report

17. Senator Kauda Babar raised pointed out the non-convening of meeting of Policy Board of FBR of which he is also a Member..

The Acting Chairman stated that the matter will be taken up with the Ministry and FBR.

18. Senator Haroon Khan pointed out the proposed increase in price of natural gas for.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report

DISCUSSION ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion regarding rigging in General Elections, 2018.

Leader of the Opposition, Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq pointed out that since the issue is very important which should be discussed in presence of the Ministers and the Treasury Members.

With the sense of the House, the Acting Chairman deferred discussion on the Motion.

At 02:05 p.m. the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 31st August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

<u>Islamabad,</u> The 30th August, 2018.