



RULING OF THE CHAIR


ADJOURNMENT MOTION

During sitting of the Senate held on 15th June, 2015 Mr. Farhatullah Babar moved his Adjournment Motion No.10(116)/2015-M regarding official statement by D.G Rangers making startling disclosures about the extent of crimes and the motivation behind it in Karachi. Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control, opposed the Adjournment Motion and advanced his arguments. The Chairman after hearing the Mover and the Minister held the motion out of order under with the following ruling:-

“Undoubtedly the Adjournment Motion with reference to the statement of the DG, Rangers raises substantial questions which need to be answered but at the same time law and order is a Provincial subject and it is unfortunate that the Federal Government by holding meetings every now and then in the Provincial Capital of Sindh i.e. Karachi, has been encroaching upon provincial autonomy in terms of law and order, but then two wrongs don’t make a right. Since the Federal Government is and continues to encroach upon the law and order situation and play a role in Karachi it can’t be allowed to go unchecked or unanswered, therefore, the question arises as to what is the appropriate tool, as to what is the appropriate Parliamentary tool that should be

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employed to keep a check and in the interest of transparency on the Federal Government. I am given to understand that the honourable Senator Farhatullah Babar, has moved a Calling Attention Notice, in this regard that perhaps is the most appropriate tool under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 and he may pursue that Calling Attention Notice. I have in the past ruled that law and order is a Provincial subject, therefore, on the principle of the consistency and in terms of sub-rule (f) of Rule 87 read with Rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012, I rule that the Adjournment Motion is inadmissible but the honourable Senator is well within his right to pursue his Calling Attention Notice and given the urgency and the magnitude and the importance of this statement I direct the Senate Secretariat to place the Calling Attention Notice on the Orders of the Day for Wednesday, the 17th of June, 2015 so that sufficient notice is given to the Minister of State for Interior to answer the Calling Attention Notice. In the above terms this Adjournment Motion stands disposed of.”



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