



## **RULING OF THE CHAIR**

### **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

During sitting of the Senate held on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, Dr. Ashok Kumar moved his Adjournment Motion No.9(116)/2015-M, regarding the dispute between PSO and PNSC due to which shortage of petrol is likely to be emerged throughout the country in the month of Ramadan.

Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination informed the Chair that the Minister concerned was out of country and the Minister of State is on his way to the House.

**The Chairman at this stage ruled that he cannot hold up the Business of the House for a particular Minister and that too in the situation when he did not even bother to inform the House about his absence.**

Thereafter, the Chairman after hearing the Mover and perusing the subject matter of the adjournment Motion held the Motion in order by the following ruling.

**“I have heard the honourable Senator on the question whereby he is saying that there is likelihood that during the month of Ramadan, a shortage of petrol will take place because of the dispute between the PSO and the Pakistan National Shipping Corporation. According to him the PNSC has decreased the capacity of MOGA Gas handling for PSO from 4 lac metric ton to 2 lac metric tons.**

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The conditions of admissibility of an adjournment motion are governed by Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure in Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012. On an examination we find that in sub-rule (a) of rule 87 states that it shall raise an issue of urgent public importance. Since this deals with the question that petroleum products shortages is likely to erupt during the month of Ramdan, therefore, prima facie it appears to be a matter of urgent public importance. According to sub-rule (b) of rule 87, it shall relate substantially to one definite issue. Hence the adjournment motion relates to one definite issue. According to sub-rule(c) of rule 87, it shall be restricted to a matter of recent occurrence of which notice has been given at the earliest opportunity, from the statement of the honourable Senator it appears that this is a matter which is continuously in progress and taking place. Therefore, I find the adjournment motion in order and I shall fix the date for discussion on it.”



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Chairman Senate

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