SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (300TH SESSION)

Date and Day	22 nd July, 2020 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	04:04 P.M.
Adjourned at	07:40 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate and Senator Aurangzeb Khan, Presiding Officer
Attendance	55
Total Working Hours	03 Hours 36 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 05 (Def), 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 34 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 245 (Def), 253 (Def), 266 (Def), 03 (Def), 04 (Def), 22 and 24 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 25, 26, 27 and 30 were referred to the Standing Committees concerned for consideration and report.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of a soldier martyred in bomb blast in Turbat, Balochistan.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE 141ST IPU ASSEMBLY

- **Senator Mian Raza Rabbani** being a member of the Executive body of the IPU, briefed the House of the outcome of the 141st IPU Assembly, held in Belgrade from 13th to 17th October, 2019.
- **Senator Farooq Hamid Naek,** being a member of the IPU Standing Committee on UN Affairs, apprised the House of highlighting the Kashmir issue on the Forum.

MOTION [Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, 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 Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 6th January, 2020, regarding taxation issues arising after merger of FATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 25th July, 2020.

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

Senator Fida Muhammad, pointed out that since the FATA and PATA were merged at the same time, therefore, the issues of PATA may also be considered with the issues of FATA. The Honourable Chairman Senate asked the Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, to also take up the issues of PATA.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

• Senators Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Mian Raza Rabbani and Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, were to draw attention of the Minister for Aviation Division towards the fact that the European Union Aviation Safety Agency amongst others have suspended the operation of PIA flights to their respective countries / region. However, on the request of the Minister for Aviation Division, the Chairman deferred the Calling Attention Notice for Friday, the 24th July, 2020.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- **Senator Muhammad Akram** raised a matter of public importance regarding incident of demolition of ancient Buddha Statue in Mardan.
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised the following issues of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) increase in the seats reserved for the students belonging to Balochistan in the Punjab University;

(ii) non-supply of Gas to Matung, Qalat and other areas of Balochistan.

The Honourable Chairman Senate, asked the Senator that he will personally take up the issue for increase in the seats reserved for the students belonging to Balochistan in the Punjab University, with the Chief Minister and Governor Punjab. The Chairman referred the issue regarding non-supply of Gas to Matung, Qalat and other areas of Balochistan to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

• **Senator Kalsoom Perveen** raised the issue of defamation complain on the social media against her family members.

The Honourable Chairman Senate, asked the Senator to share the detail with him in Chamber, for taking appropriate steps in the matter.

- **Senator Sirajul Haq** raised the issue to celebrate 5th August as a Day of condemnation in the country with reference to Indian atrocities in the Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
- Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issue.

Thereafter, the Honourable Chairman Senate, proposed to summon a Special session of the Senate on 5th August, 2020, to condemn the Indian act of revoking special status of Kashmir through Constitution amendment. The Chairman also asked Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, for drafting a resolution with reference to the occasion.

- Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, supported the view point of Senator Sirajul Haq and also appreciated the timely decision of the Honourable Chairman Senate for summoning a session of the Senate for deliberation on the issue.
- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi** raised the following points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) current economic situation in the country; and
 - (ii) formation of Committee of the Whole to discuss the accountability law in the light of the current judgement of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in the matter.

- **Senator Mian Raza Rabbani** raised the issue regarding formation of a Unified Accountability Commission.
- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan raised the following matters of public importance:-
 - (i) current situation in Kashmir and the role of PTV in highlight the Kashmir issue;
 - (ii) dual Nationality of the Advisors and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister; and
 - (iii) kidnaping of Mr. Matiullah Jan, Journalist, from Islamabad.

Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House, responded the issues raised by the Senators.

- Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, spoke on the Kashmir issue and the matters pertaining to PTV.
- **Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti** raised the issue regarding non-regularization of thirteen OGDCL Engineers belonging to the Province of Balochistan.

The Honourable Chairman Senate asked the Secretary Senate to call the MD OGDCL and inquire the reasons regarding non-regularization of the Engineers.

- **Senator Dilawar Khan** raised the issue regarding non-posting of the Federal Analyst in the National Control Laboratory.
- Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issue.
- **Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi** raised the issue regarding non-payment of pension to PTCL employees.

The Honourable Chairman Senate informed that he will discuss the issue with the Minister for Information Technology and Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs.

- **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar** raised the following points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) establishment of an Agricultural University in Ziarat, Balochistan;
 - (ii) establishment of Livestock and Veterinary University in Musa Khail, Balochistan;

- (iii) non-implementation of the recommendations of the Committees and the House by the Ministries/Divisions and their attached Departments;
- (iv) abduction of journalists and others from Islamabad; and
- (v) non-supply of Electricity in Kakar Khurasan, particularly for agricultural purpose.

The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the issues regarding establishment of Universities to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report, while the issue of non-implementation of the recommendations of the Committees will be decided in Chamber.

• **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** raised the issue regarding alleged role of Customs Department in facilitating the smuggling at Pak-Afghan Border. The Honourable Senator appreciated the decision regarding special session of the Senate for expressing solidarity with the Kashmiris.

The presiding Officer referred the issue to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, also spoke on the issues raised by Senator.

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh raised the following points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) banning of contents on You Tube in the country;
 - (ii) problems being faced by the Overseas Pakistanis Labours;

The presiding Officer referred the issue to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

[At this stage Mr. Chairman occupied the Chair]

Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House, also spoke on the problems being faced by the Overseas Pakistanis Labours.

• **Senator Keshoo Bai** raised a point of public importance regarding non-payment of salaries to the contract and daily wages employees of the Radio Pakistan.

The Honourable Chairman Senate asked the Secretary Senate to seek report from the quarter concerned.

• Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen raised a point of public importance regarding vacant seats reserved for the province of Balochistan in various medical colleges.

The Honourable Chairman Senate asked the Secretary Senate to seek report from the Ministry concerned.

• **Senator Professor Sajid Mir** raised a point of public importance regarding demolition of Mosques in Islamabad.

The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the issue to the Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report.

- **Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad** raised a point of public importance regarding missing persons from Balochistan.
- **Senator Anwar Lal Dean** raised a point of public importance regarding arrest of Mr. Dinsha Uncle Saria from Sindh and shifting him to Islamabad.
- **Senator Aurangzeb Khan** raised a point of public importance regarding measures taken by the government to curb the use of Ice (Drugs) in Educational Institutions of the country particularly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan.

MOTION [Under Rule 263]

• Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, moved and on behalf of under Rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 that the requirement of Rule 30 of the said Rules be dispensed with to enable House to take a Motion under Rule 204.

The Motion was put to the House and carried. Thereafter, Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, moved the following Motion under Rule 204:-

"This House authorizes the Chairman Senate to make nominations to a Parliamentary Committee to be constituted by the Speaker, National Assembly, as conveyed by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, for making recommendations to the Senate and the National Assembly regarding Legislative Business pending before both the Houses, respectively, comprising Twenty-four members from the Government and Opposition in proportion to their representation in the Senate and the National Assembly, in terms of the motion to be adopted by the National Assembly.

The House further authorizes the Chairman Senate to make changes in the nominations of the Members of the Senate of Pakistan in the said Committee, in consultation with the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition, as and when so required."

The Motion was put to the House and carried.

At 07:40 p.m. the Deputy Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 24th July, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS Secretary

<u>Islamabad,</u> The 22nd July, 2020.