



RULING OF THE CHAIR

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Adj. Motion No. 04 (126)/2016-M, Notice which was given of by, Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Senator Shahi Syed, Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail, Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak, and Senator Saeed Ghani to discuss the following matters:

- i. Sales Tax on agriculture inputs should be abolished;
- ii. Support price of agriculture products must be ensured;
- iii. Electricity and Diesel should be provided to farmers at subsidized rates;
- iv. Farmers should be compensated for damage in yields and drop in prices of their produce;
- v. Duty free import of Fertilizers should be allowed;
- vi. New water reservoirs should be made; and
- vii. Import of agricultural products from India should be stopped immediately.

After hearing the Member and Minister concerned the Chairman ruled as under:-:-

” I have heard the honorable Senator Kamil Ali Agha on the admissibility of the adjournment motion on behalf of the Senators Shahi Sayed, Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail, Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Nauman Wazir Khattak and Saeed Ghani. The honorable Minister Incharge for Finance, has opposed the Adjournment Motion, in particular the items at serial No. (i) and (v). While opposing the motion, the Honorable Minister, has said that it essentially pertains to legislation, therefore, is hit by sub-rule (k) of rule 87 and that it is not confined to one single item. The Honourable Senator Kamil Ali Agha, on the other hand has contended that the matter is of urgent public importance and that it pertains to 70% of the population of Pakistan and on various accounts they

have been agitating against the items that have been mentioned in the Adjournment Motion and, as such, it has caused inconvenience to the people. He has also said that the said Motion falls within the parameters of rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

After hearing the honourable Senator Kamil Ali Agha and the honourable Minister Incharge for Finance and perusing the contents of Adjournment Motion No.04(126)/2016-M, I am of the opinion that the said Adjournment Motion may broadly fall under the category of agriculture, but the seven items listed are subjects within themselves and that the provisions of sub-rules (b), (c) and (k) of rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 are attracted, therefore, I find the motion not in order, but before parting with this Ruling I would advise the Honorable Senators that considering the importance of each item, they have listed in the said Adjournment Motion, it is open to them to use the other instruments provided for under the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business to bring these matters before the House for discussion or for the expression of the will of the House as they may deem fit.”



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