



RULING OF THE CHAIR

ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION – MATTER ARISING OUT OF COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

During sitting of the Senate held on 15th January, 2016, the admissibility of Adjournment Motion, regarding non-provision of sufficient funds to Frontier Constabulary, the Chairman ruled as under:-

“Adjournment Motion No. 04(123)/2016-M moved by Senators Shahi Syed, Baz Muhammad Khan, Taj Muhammad Afridi, Atta Ur Rehman, Nisar Muhammad, Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Aitzaz Ahsan, Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, Farhatullah Babar, Chaudhary Tanvir Khan and Muhammad Javed Abbasi notice of which was given to the Senate Secretariat on 14th January, 2016, is fixed on the Orders of the Day of the 15th January, 2016, for the consideration of the admissibility of the Adjournment Motion.

I have heard the honourable Senators Chaudhary Tanvir Khan and Farhatullah Babar on the question of admissibility. It may be correct that the ingredients of the Adjournment Motion may vaguely be touching the requirements of Rule 87 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, but while perusing the Adjournment Motion and as mentioned during the course of the arguments by the two Senators, this Motion emerges from the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Interior which was held on the 14th of January, 2016. It would be improper to make the subject matter of the

proceedings of a Standing Committee the subject of an Adjournment Motion. Furthermore, rule 192 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, pertains to restriction on publication etc. of the proceedings. More specifically, sub-rule (2) of rule 192 provides that the report of a Committee which has not been presented to the Senate or the proceedings of a Committee or any part or summary thereof, shall not be laid on the table and shall be treated as confidential and shall not be open to public inspection except with the permission of the Committee or the Chairman. In this case, neither is the permission of the Committee on the record nor has the Chairman's office been approached for any such permission that is required under the rules.

There are other instruments which are available to the honourable Senators to bring this matter before the House, therefore, I find that this Adjournment Motion does not fall within the ambit of the Rules. While parting with this ruling I would advise the honourable movers to use other Parliamentary instruments available under the Rules to bring this motion under discussion.”



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