

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(272nd Session)

Date and day	24 th January, 2018 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03: 05 p.m.
Adjourned at	08:20 p.m.
Presided by	Dy. Chairman during the question hour and the Chairman Senate for remaining proceedings
Attendance	79
Total working hours	5 hours and 15 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 94, 180, 43, 44, 47, 48 and 49 were asked and replied in the House. Question No. 100 was referred to the Standing Committee concerned. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS

At 4:15 p.m., the proceedings of the House were suspended for annual group photo session of the Members and resumed at 4:50 p.m. under the chairmanship of Chairman Senate.

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

STATEMENT BY SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA

Senator Saleem Mandviwala thanked the Chair and all the Members for their moral support on the occasion of grief.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions will be determined:-

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwala on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Karim Ahmed Khawaja, Baz Muhammad Khan, Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz and Mohammad Azam Khan Swati moved Adj. Motion No. 4-272/2018-M) to discuss the severe water problems affecting agriculture and marine.

Since the matter has already been discussed through some other tools, therefore, the Members did not press the Motion which was disposed of accordingly.

2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Sirajul Haq moved Adj. Motion Nos. 5, 6 and 14-272/2018-M to discuss the recent increase in the prices of petroleum products by the Government.

The Motion was opposed by the Minister for Petroleum, however, after hearing the arguments, the Chairman held the Motion in order for two hour discussion.

Since one adjournment motion is admitted, therefore, the remaining adjournment motion on the Orders of the Day was carried forward for next sitting.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to set up National University of Technology at Islamabad [The National University of Technology Bill, 2017].

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Hidayat Ullah drew attention of the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs towards the delay in issuance of annual second quarter development fund to FATA.

Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister for Finance made statement on the CAN which was disposed of accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. **SARDAR AWAIS AHMAD KHAN LEGHARI**, Minister for Power, moved that the Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report within a period of one month.

2. **SARDAR AWAIS AHMAD KHAN LEGHARI**, Minister for Power, moved that the Bill further to amend the Private Power and Infrastructure Board Act, 2012 [The Pakistan Power and Infrastructure Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

3. **DR. TARIQ FAZAL CHAUDHARY**, Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division, moved that the Bill to amend the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad, Act, 2013 [The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was not opposed but the Leader of the Opposition sought some assurances from the Minister which were given on the floor of the House by the Minister.

Thereafter the Motion was put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

After clause by clause consideration, **DR. TARIQ FAZAL CHAUDHARY**, Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division, moved that the Bill to amend the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad, Act, 2013 [The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON KASUR INCIDENT

Senator Rehman Malik, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior made statement about the proceedings of the Committee while considering the incident of Kasur. He informed the House that the Committee has unanimously drafted a Bill proposing some amendments in PPC and Cr.P.C to hang the culprits of child abuse in public. He urged the Treasury Benches to introduce the Bill as Government Bill and get the same passed expeditiously.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo.
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
3. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail.
4. Senator Sehar Kamran
5. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
6. Senator KHushbakht Shujaat.
7. Senator Kamil Ali Agha.
8. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
9. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah.
10. Senator Shahi Syed.
11. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
12. Senator Taj Haider.
13. Senator Saud Majed.
14. Senator Sitara Ayaz.
15. Senator M. Ali Khan Saif.
16. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour.

After discussion, the Chairman referred the matter of proposed legislation to the Standing Committee on law and Justice with the direction to report back during the session. The Chairman further directed that the Members of Standing Committee on Interior and the Functional Committee on Human Rights may also be invited in the meeting.

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN SENATE

Chairman apprised the House about the agenda of his meeting held with the Chief Justice of Pakistan in the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Leader of the House showed his pleasure on the meeting of the Chairman with the CJP.

**PERIODICAL REPORTS BY THE MINISTERS ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

(Under Rule 265A)

1. **Minister for Law and Justice made** report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice on the issue of corruption in the Federal Government Departments. (Adopted by the House on 06-10-2015)

The matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

2. **Minister for Petroleum made** report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)

The matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

3. **Minister for Power Division made** to report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand No. 22). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)

The matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

4. **Minister for Water Resources was** to make report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 20). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)

The Chairman took serious notice of the continuous absence of the Minister from the House and deferred the matter.

5. Minister for Human Rights made reports on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the following reports of the Functional Committee on Human Rights:-

- i. Regarding the matter referred by the House to discuss the incidents of burning alive of the women folk in the country and to suggest mechanism for curbing this menace by providing provision in the chapter “Offences against Women” in the Pakistan Penal Code.

(Adopted by the House on 29-07-2016.

The matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

- ii. Regarding the longstanding issue of peasants of Okara Farms. (Adopted by the House on 29-07-2016.

The matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[ZERO HOUR]

1. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour pointed out and condemned the police action against the Pakhtoons students of Punjab University Lahore.

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi also spoke on the issue.

The Chairman directed the Leader of the House to look into the matter.

2. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the activities of the banned organizations which needs to be looked into.

Chairman directed the Members to use some parliamentary tool to have proper discussion on the issue.

3. Senator Nasreen Jalil sought permission for the visit of the Committee of Human Rights to Mardan to see into the case of minor girl Asma.

Chairman granted permission to the Committee to visit Mardan.

4. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the cancellation of automatic weapon licences by the Ministry of Interior.

Senator Hafiz Hamadullah also spoke on the issue.

5. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz pointed out the issue of non-payment of salaries to 156 employees of PCRWR.

Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

WINDING UP OF DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Ch. Jaffar Iqbal on behalf of the Minister for Defence wound up the debate on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 13th December, 2017 and discussed in the House on 15th December, 2017, regarding the key commitments made by the Federal Government to the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition without taking the Parliament into confidence.

The Motion was talked out.

At 8:20 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 25th January, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.