

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(267th session)

Date and day	14 th September,2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:10 p.m.
Adjourned at	4:25 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Presiding Officer during question hour. Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings.
Attendance	38
Total working hours	1 hours and 15 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- 45 Questions were included in the list. 38 questions were deferred. Replies to 6 questions were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. One question was replied in the House.

Observation of the Chairman: **The Chairman took serious notice of the absence of the Minister for Interior and the Minister of State for Interior when 31 questions pertaining to the Ministry of Interior were listed. The Chairman also narrated some other instances when very important parliamentary business is listed but the Ministers concerned did not pay any heed. The Chairman while addressing the Leader of the House requested him to take up this matter with the Cabinet otherwise he will have no option but to take strict action under the rules.**

Leader of the House also showed his concern on the absence of the Ministers and assured that he will take up this issue with the Cabinet Members.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

SENATOR SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH, Chairman Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented 17th follow up report of the Committee regarding proposed conversion of 1400 acres land of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) / Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) into residential/commercial plots.

Order of the Chairman: The Chairman read out his detailed order in the House and the Secretary Cabinet Division was directed to place the summary on the agenda of the next meeting of the Cabinet under intimation to the Senate. The Secretariat was directed to convey the order to the Secretary Cabinet for compliance.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI drew attention of the Minister for Commerce and Textile towards the decline in export of fruits and vegetables.

Haji Muhammad Akram Ansari, Minister of State for Commerce made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice. The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

MOTION

(Under Rule 60)

Following Motion was deferred on request of the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division:-

SENATOR FARHATULLAH BABAR to move for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of the answer to starred question No. 8, replied on 22nd August, 2017:-

“regarding glaring contradictions between the recommendations of the inquiry committee and their implementation as claimed in the reply in the case of malpractices in Aero Medical Department of Civil Aviation Authority.”.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mohsin Aziz on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Syed Shibli Faraz drew attention of the Minister for Energy towards the uncontrolled line losses, alarming figure of circular debt i.e., 800 billion rupees and rolling over of commercial bank loans worth Rs. 193/- billions to settle power sector arrears after not being able to repay its debts.

Senator Mohsin Aziz made statement on the subject matter of the CAN but due to absence of the concerned Minister, the Chairman deferred the CAN.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a group of 8 Members of FFC Rahim Yar Khan and a group of 12 short term interns of PIPS who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Ministerial response on the following point of public importance was deferred due to absence of the Minister for National Food Security and Research:-

“Regarding the reported statement of Chief Minister of the Punjab requesting the Federal Government to allow import of onions whereas the onion crop in Balochistan is about to be harvested and sufficient onion will be available to meet the requirements of the country, raised by Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi and Kalsoom Perveen on 11th September, 2017,

At 4:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 15th September, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.