

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	20 th April, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	10:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:40 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	66
Total working hours	2 hours and 40 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 60, 79, 190D¹, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 197², 198, 199, 201, 205, 206 and 207 were replied in the House. Reply to Question No. 195 was treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Remaining questions and their printed replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

The admissibility of following Adjournment Motion was determined:-

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh moved the Adj. Motion No. 1 (12-261/2017-M), to discuss the disappearance of Col. (R) Habib, resident of Rawalpindi in the hands of the Indian forces on his visit to Nepal.

¹ The Chairman directed the Minister for Ports and Shipping to Table the agreement in question for information of the House.

² The opposition benches staged a walkout as protest against unsatisfactory reply by the Minister.

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs made a statement explaining the facts of the case and the steps taken by the government in this regard so far.

After the statement by the Advisor, the Chairman asked the Mover that whether he still presses his Motion or not.

The Mover pressed his Motion.

The Chairman held the Adjournment Motion in order and fixed the same for discussion on 21st April, 2017 as last item.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Saeed Ghani on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 13th February, 2017.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs towards the recent brutality by the Indian forces in Indian occupied Kashmir and the steps taken by the Government of Pakistan to safeguard the rights of Kashmiris.

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

- Senator Mohsin Aziz drew attention of the Minister for Water and Power towards the high electricity tariff for new power projects that will have a negative impact on the viability of industrial sector as well as on the exports of the country as the tariff is much higher as compared to the regional competitors.

Mr. Abid Sher Ali, Minister of State for Water and Power made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Kalsoom Perveen on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, 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 Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 203, asked by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 17th March, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 20th April, 2017.

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

2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, 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 Taj Haider on 16th February, 2017, regarding an advertisement pertaining to the outsourcing of the Airports of the country, may be extended for a further period of twenty working days with effect from 26th April, 2017.

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

[At this stage, Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood pointed out the Quorum. The count was made but the House was not found in order, therefore the bells were rung for five minutes. Again the count was made and the House was found in order.]

3. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, 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 the subject matter of starred question No. 55, asked by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak, on 10th January, 2017, may be extended for a further period of twenty working days with effect from 22nd April, 2017.

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

4. Senator Brig. (R)John Kenneth William on behalf of Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony and Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, 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 Committees on the Premarital Blood Screening (Family Laws Amendment) Bill, 2016, referred by the House for joint consideration, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 24th April, 2017, in order to enable the Committee to extensively deliberate on the Bill.

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

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 79, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 22nd December, 2016, regarding the import of auto parts in the shape

of scrap from Japan and re-assembling of the same into cars, presented in the House on 18th April, 2017, be considered and adopted.

Following members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour
2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and the report was adopted.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The following point of public importance set for Ministerial response in the name of Senators Kalsoom Perveen and Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini was withdrawn by the Movers:-

“Regarding the mismanagement in the affairs of PMDC relating to its elections. (raised by Senators Kalsoom Perveen and Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11th April, 2017)”.

Hence, the Matter was disposed of.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi on 18th April, 2017, regarding the implications of the decision of an Arbitration Tribunal of the World Bank’s International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) on the arbitration claims filed by Tethyan Copper Company against the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in relation to the denial of a mining lease for the Reko Diq project.

Following Members spoke in this regard:

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
2. Senator Sherry Rehman
3. Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
4. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
5. Senator Shibli Faraz
6. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour

The Chairman deferred the winding up statement by the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources with the direction to fix it on 8th May, 2017 as last item and further directed that the same will be held in-camera.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1) Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out that Qatar promised the Prime Minister of Pakistan to give jobs to one lac Pakistanis but the promise has not been fulfilled yet. He further pointed out that Districts Musakhel, Chagi and Qilla Saifullah have been allotted as hunting sites for Qatri princes by the Federal Government while bypassing the provincial Government.
- 2) Senator Taj Hiader spoke about the high rates of solar energy in Pakistan as compared to other regional countries like Dubai.
- 3) Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja pointed out sea intrusion in some areas of Sindh and Balochistan.
- 4) Senator Samina Abid pointed out that the invasion by terrorists from areas of Afghanistan and nooristan to the Chitral valley. She urged the Government to make arrangements for security of the people of the area. **The Chairman suggested the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice.**
- 5) Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out that marine life of coastal area Balochistan has been destroyed by international trailers
- 6) Senator Abdul Rehman Malik pointed out the killing of a Pakistani national who came from abroad but he was killed by some masked women at Sialkot on the allegation of blasphemy.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to send the verbatim to the Minister of State for Interior for ministerial response in the House.

- **The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on Friday, the 21st April, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.**

Islamabad, the
20th April, 2017