

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	7 th March, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:10 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	68
Total working hours	2 hours and 10 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 1, 12, 14, 20B, 20F, 20-I, 41, 42¹, 43, 44, 45, 46, 50, 51, 54, 55, 58 and 60 were replied in the House. Question No. 47 was deferred. Replies to question Nos.111, 11, 17, 20K, 48, 49, 52, 53, 56 and 57 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. The 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**

1. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi** moved the Adj. Motion No. 1 (6-260/2017-M), to discuss the collapse of entire structure of recently completed 4.8 MW Hydropower Project at the Upper Chenab Canal in district Sheikhpura which resulted into suspension of supply of irrigation water to huge chunk of agricultural land in several areas.

The adjournment motion was withdrawn by the member.

2. **Senator Sirajul Haq** moved the Adj. Motion No. 2 (7-260/2017-M), to discuss the media reports that Pakistan has suffered trade deficit of 14 billion dollars in the trade between India and Pakistan during the last ten years.

The adjournment motion was withdrawn by the member.

¹ Chairman directed the Minister for Law and Justice to lay some information pertaining to this question in this next rota day.

3. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh** moved the Adj. Motion No. 3 (8-260/2017-M), to discuss the serious flaws in information sharing mechanism of the Government authorities to the general public with particular reference to the facts and figures of any unfortunate terrorist attack.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the Motion.

After hearing the mover, the Chairman advised the mover to bring a Bill for legislation and the adjournment motion was withdrawn by the member.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- **Senators Shahi Syed, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Muhammad Yousaf and Saleem Mandviwalla** drew attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control towards non-functioning of tube wells and water filtration plants installed in various sectors of Islamabad.
The calling attention notice was dropped due to absence of members.

- **Senator Sehar Kamran** drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the mentioning of Azad Jammu and Kashmir territory as 'Pakistani occupied area of Jammu and Kashmir' in the course books being taught in private schools in Islamabad which is highly objectionable and against the national interest.
Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for CADD made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

- **Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented the report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the National School of Public Policy Ordinance, 2002 [The National School of Public Policy (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

MOTIONS

(UNDER RULE 194)

1. **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, regarding number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) established / notified in the country, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 13th March, 2017.

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

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, 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 Bill further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 [The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 9th January, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 10th March, 2017.

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

3. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, 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 Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq, on 16th January, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 15th March, 2017.

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

4. Senator Mohsin Aziz on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization 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 Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 10th January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 12th March, 2017.

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

5. Senator Mohsin Aziz on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization 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 Bill further to amend the Partnership Act, 1932, in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 26th September, 2016, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 4th April, 2017.

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

6. Senator Mohsin Aziz on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, to move 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. 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, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 5 th April, 2017.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY

Secretary Senate made announcement regarding Public Petitions received and disposed of during the intervening period from 258 and 260th sessions. The Secretary further announced that a document titled “Road to General Elections, 2018” transmitted by the Election Commission of Pakistan has been tabled for recommendations, if any, by the Members.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the overall unemployment in Balochistan which is a major contribution to the rising terrorism in the country. He further pointed out that 3500 posts in QESCO Quetta are lying vacant but the Government is not taking any step for filling up of the same.

The Chairman directed that the verbatim should be sent to the concerned minister for response.

2. Senator Aitzaz Ashan, leader of the opposition, pointed out various incidents of ransacking of Christian localities on the pretext of various allegations in the recent past especially in Punjab. He showed his concern over the acquittal of the accused persons from the cases registered for such incidents. He wanted to know that whether the Government has filed appeal against acquittal in any such case.

The Chairman also showed his concern on such incidents and stated that the Constitution of Pakistan fully guarantees the rights of minorities.

The Chairman directed that the Minister for Interior be asked to get information from the Punjab Government that whether the Government has filed appeal in any such case or not with particular reference to case filed for incident of Jacobs Lines Lahore.

3. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah pointed out the matter of kidnapping of almost 150 women from Rawalpindi who were trafficked to Afghanistan for ransom. He particularly referred the case of one Mst. Farzana whose case is not being registered by the Police. He further spoke about the

increasing number of theft cases of donkeys in Punjab which are reportedly being used for supply of their flesh to restaurants and trading of their skin.

The Chairman directed that the matter pertaining to kidnapping of women be referred to the concerned Ministry for report.

4. Senator Nighat Mirza spoke about the problems being faced by Pakistani workers working in Bin Laden Group of Companies in Saudi Arabia after the incident of falling of a crane during Hajj, 2016. She stated that after the incident the Company was banned and a number of workers belonging to Pakistan were unemployed without payment of salaries. The Government committed to compensate such workers but did not compensate all of those workers. She urged the Government to compensate all such people. She further spoke about the case of one Mr. Zulfiqar in Indonesia whose death sentence was deferred by intervention of Foreign Office of Pakistan.

The Chairman asked the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice to have proper response.

5. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari spoke about the lowering of water level in the country.
6. Senator Nehal Hashmi spoke about revival of International Cricket in Pakistan and urged the Political leaders not to politicize this issue.
7. Senator Mohsin Aziz spoke about the cheap frauds in the name of BISP. He also criticized the Government to hold final of PSL by imposing curfew like situation in the country.
8. Senator Ghaus Muhammad Khan Niazi spoke about nth problems being faced while getting visa for Middle East countries especially on official passports.

The Chairman observed that this issue has been taken up at various forums but it can only be resolved when Pakistan will also adopt the same policy for officials of those countries.

9. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the problems being faced by the students of Khuzdar Engineering University as the University is not holding winter camp to give opportunity to those students whose subjects have been failed in terminal exams.

The Chairman asked Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Minister for Ports and Shipping to look into the matter.

10. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak spoke about soaring of new circular debt in power sector.

The Chairman asked the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice.

11. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhel spoke about the non-releasing of fund allocated in Federal PSDP for establishment of I.T University in Zhob.

The Chairman directed the Member to come in his chamber with all relevant details.

12. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh pointed out the increasing number of snooker clubs in ICT which operates round the clock resulting into wastage of time of young generation.

13. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the problems of people of Balochistan due to blocking of CNICs.

- The Chairman adjourned the proceedings to meet again on Wednesday, the 8th March, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

7th March, 2017