

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(259th Session)

Date and Day	16 th February, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:50 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Presiding Officer during the question hour Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate during the rest of proceedings
Attendance	68
Total working hours	2 hours and 50 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

11¹ questions were replied² in the House. Replies to 2 questions were treated as laid on the Tables due to absence of the concerned Members. 3 questions were deferred. The remaining printed questions and their 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 MOTION

The admissibility of the following adjournment motions was determined in the House: -

1. **Adj. Motion No. 1 (3-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the vulnerability of Pakistan to climate change as according to the latest Global Climate Risk Index 2017, Pakistan stands 7th most vulnerable country to climate change.

After preliminary arguments, the Member withdrew his motion.

2. **Adj. Motion No. 2 (8-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati to discuss the media reports that substandard stents are being used in Government and private hospitals.

After preliminary arguments, the Member withdrew his motion.

¹ During the question hour, Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House appreciated the statement of Pop Francis about the arbitrary action against the Muslim community in USA.

² The Opposition staged walkout during question number 67 due to irrelevant reply by the Minister.

3. **Adj. Motion No. 3 (15-259/2017-M)**, notices given of by Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi and Sassui Palijo to discuss the reservations of small provinces in the wake of upcoming population census in the country.

Following Members spoke on the admissibility of the adjournment motion:-

1. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
2. Senator Sassui Palijo

After hearing the Members, the Chairman held the motion out of order due to the reason that already the Matter has been referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for report within one month. The Chairman further directed that the Committee shall invite Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Sassui Palijo, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and every other Member who is desirous to attend the meeting of the Committee on this issue. The Chairman further directed that when the meeting of the Committee for this issue will be scheduled, SMS should be made to all the Members.

Adjournment motion was disposed of in the above terms.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

SENATOR SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented 13th 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”.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House: -

1. **SENATORS DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI, MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE, MUHAMMAD YOUSAF, SAEEDUL HASSAN MANDOKHAIL AND SHAHI SYED** to draw attention of the Minister for Defence towards the termination of services of twenty one Trainee Apprentices (BPS-7), most of them possessing the domicile of Balochistan, during their probation

period which were to be recruited in different trades after completing their mandatory trainings from Survey Training Institute, Islamabad.

Mr. Abid Sher Ali on behalf of the Minister for Defence made statement. **The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Defence with the direction to make sure that transparent re-examination of the candidates will be conducted by the Ministry.**

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

2. SENATOR AGHA SHAHBAZ KHAN DURRANI to draw attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control towards the non-payment of salaries to the Immigration and Passport Officers posted in various Pakistani missions abroad and disparity in the benefits being provided to them and the officers of other Ministries posted in those missions.

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior made statement.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

MOTION
(Under Rule 60)

The following motion under rule 60 in the name of Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was deferred till next session:-

“Regarding bailout package for Pakistan Steel Mills and the amount of gas bills outstanding against those Mills.”

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 196(1)]

1. SENATOR MIR KABEER AHMED MUHAMMAD SHAHI, Chairman, Functional Committee on Devolution, 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 Functional Committee on a matter referred by the House on 23rd December, 2016, regarding “Placement of Regulatory Authorities under the Line Ministries”, be considered and adopted.

Following Members spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
2. Senator Saud Majeed.
3. Senator Sassui Palijo.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.

The Motion was then put to the House and adopted.

2. **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 special report of the Standing Committee on the privatization of Heavy Electrical Complex (HEC), be considered and adopted.

Following Members spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Saud Majid.
2. Senator Mohsin Aziz.
3. Senator Aisha Raza Farooq.
4. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
5. Senator Saeed Ghani.
6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
7. Senator Kamil Ali Agha.
8. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
9. Senator Nehal Hashmi.
10. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.

The Motion was then put to the House and adopted.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. The House started further consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on 14th February, 2017:-

“That the Bill to provide for alternate dispute resolution [The Alternate Dispute Resolution Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration”.

The Chairman referred the Bill to the Standing Committee concerned with the direction that the Committee shall also consider the Bill drafted by the Committee of the Whole on the same subject and passed by the Senate and shall invite the Mover of that Bill i.e. all the Parliamentary Party Leaders.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The House acknowledged the presence of a group of 72 students and 12 faculty members of Premier Law College Gujranwala who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior made statement regarding the recent wave of terrorist incidents throughout the country.

The Chairman asked the Minister to share some vital information otherwise the information shared by the Minister is already in print and electronic media.

The Minister requested that secret information can be shared in-camera.

The Chairman directed that tomorrow the information may be shared with the House in-camera.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Taj Haider drew attention of the House towards an advertisement whereby the outsourcing of the Airports of the country has been advertised.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat with the direction to report back within one month.

2. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahudin Tirmizi stated that under the Prime Minister's internship programme every MNA is being provided with one intern for assistance in parliamentary duties but the Senators have been ignored.

The Chairman informed the Member that the Secretariat is already in negotiation with the concerned quarters but no reply has yet been received from them. The Chairman asked the Leader of the House to take up the matter with the in-charge of the program. The Chairman directed to provide the copies of the correspondence to the Leader of the House.

3. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini stated that every policy of the Government should be brought before the Parliament for approval. He further drew attention of the Chair towards the appointments made by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the Balochi News Service but the persons appointed for the said job have not been offered joining for the said service.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for report back to the House.

4. Senator Nehal Hashmi spoke about the blasting work being carried out in the mountain near village LORA District Abbottabad KPK which is causing harm to the environment and climate.
5. Senator Shahi Syed spoke about the very specific threat alert issued by the Government for Karachi whereby the vehicle type, its make and color has

been told. The Member stated that when the Government has that much accurate information then why the culprits are not arrested.

6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel stated that the female officers should be appointed in the Passports offices in Balochistan.

- The House was adjourned to meet again on Friday, the 1th February, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad, the

16th February, 2017

