

SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL

Date and Day	24 th November, 2016 (Thursday)
Commenced at	02:04 pm
Adjourned at	06:10 pm
Presided by	Senator Ahmed Hassan & Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	64
Total working hours	3 hours & 48 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

7 questions were replied in the House whereas replies to 2 questions were treated as laid on the table of the House, due to absence of concerned Members. 2 Questions were deferred and 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

Sr. No.	Subject matter of the adjournment motion	Name(s) of the Mover(s)	Concerned Ministry	Ruling of the Chairman
1.	The energy crisis in Balochistan.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Water and Power	The Motion was held out of order. The Chair suggested the Member to use some other parliamentary tool.
2.	The recruitments in Federal Government Departments through NTS and other testing agencies in the provinces.	Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate	Federal Education and Professional Training	The Motion was held out of order

3.	The terrorist attack on the Shrine of Syed Sakhi Shah Bilawal Norani situated in far flung area of district Khuzdar, Balochistan, which resulted into death of more than sixty people and injuries to more than hundred.	Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Gul Bashra, Sirajul Haq and Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah	Interior	Motion was held in order an fixed for two hours discussion on the same day.
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CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

- **Senator Syed Shibli Faraz**, to draw attention of the Minister for Water and Power, towards the soaring of circular debt of power sector as reported in “Business Recorder” dated 3rd October, 2016.

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

- **Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Ahmed Hassan and Mohsin Aziz**, to draw attention of the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, towards the cancellation of the visas of Turkish teachers and staff of Pak-Turk Schools by the Ministry of Interior on the advice of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Calling Attention Notice was deferred by the Chairman on request on behalf of Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES, PRESENTATION OF

Sr. No.	Name of the Committee	Report presented by	Subject matter of the report	Direction of the Chairman
1.	National Food Security and Research	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah,	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.	Report stands laid.
2.	Interior and Narcotics Control	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	The Bill further to amend certain laws [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2016.	Report stands laid.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 194(1) FOR EXTENSION IN TIME TO

PRESENT REPORTS

Sr. No.	Name of the Member	Nature of Motion	Rulings of the Chair
		For extension of time	
1.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	The period for presentation of report on the Bill to make provisions for prohibition of corporal punishment against children [The Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, 2016] introduced by Senator Saleem Mandviwala on 29 th February, 2016, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 30 th November, 2016.	The Motion was carried and requisite extension was granted.
2.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	The period for presentation of report of the Committee on the matter referred by the House on 14 th June, 2016, regarding “recalling/withdrawal of Order by the Chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB) wherein acting/current charges were given to various officers of NAB, in violation of rules, and reappointment of same officers, on the same day, in the Own Pay Scale (OPS)”, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 9 th December, 2016.	The motion was carried and requisite extension was granted.
3.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	The period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Civil Courts Ordinance, 1962, in its application to Islamabad Capital Territory, [The Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2016], referred by the House on 7 th October, 2016, may be extended for a period of ten working days with effect from 7 th December, 2016	The motion was carried and requisite extension was granted.

REPORT LAID

**Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Senator
Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics**

and Privatization, laid before the Senate the Annual Report for the year 2015-2016 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of the Economy along-with the Statistical Supplement, as required under section 9A (f) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULE
(Under Rule 278)

Sr. No	Name of the Mover	Amendments	Decision of the House
1.	Senators Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of The House and Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of The Opposition	<p>i) In rule 172, the existing sub-rule (3) shall be re-numbered as sub-rule (5) and after the re-numbering, the following new sub-rules shall be inserted, namely: - “</p> <p>(3) The Committee shall also act as ‘Committee on Ethics’ and review the Code of Conduct, from time to time and ensure that the Code is implemented.</p> <p>(4) The Committee on Ethics shall provide for its rules of procedure.”</p> <p>ii) that after rule 226, the following new rule 226A shall be inserted, namely: -</p> <p>“226A. Code of Conduct for the members. - There shall be a Code of Conduct for the members to assist them in the discharge of their duties and obligations to the House, their constituents and the public at large.”</p>	The leave is granted and the Motion for amendment was carried. The amendments were adopted.

CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

The Chairman framed the following question of law on 18th November, 2016:

“Whether in terms of Clause (3) of Article 56 of the Constitution, 1973, the annual presidential address to the Joint Sitting of Parliament shall be on the beginning of each year i.e. in the month of January or otherwise?”

Following Members gave assistance on the law point: -

- 1) Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
- 2) Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
- 3) Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
- 4) Senator Farooq Hamid Naek (sent written position, read by Chairman).
- 5) Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.
- 6) Senator Aitzaz Ahsan (Leader of the Opposition).
- 7) Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice.

Chair reserved the ruling on the issue and the discussion was over.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Gul Bashra, Sirajul Haq and Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah moved to discuss the terrorist attack on the Shrine of Syed Sakhi Shah Bilawal Norani situated in far flung area of district Khuzdar, Balochistan, which resulted into death of more than sixty people and injuries to more than hundred.

Following Members spoke on this matter: -

- 1) Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
- 2) Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
- 3) Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah.
- 4) Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
- 5) Senator Taj Haider.
- 6) Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate.
- 7) Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.
- 8) Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control.

- The Chairman directed that members belonging to Hindu minority may be invited as special invitee in the meeting of the Standing Committee when the Hindu Marriage Bill will be considered in the Committee.
- The House was adjourned to meet again on Friday the 25th November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Islamabad, the
24th November, 2016