# SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (335<sup>th</sup> SESSION)

Date and Day	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024, (Tuesday)
Commenced at	10:32 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:35 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman Senate
Attendance	53
Total Working Hours	2hours and 3minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

# **QUESTION HOUR**

Printed questions were asked and their oral replies were given by the ministers concerned.

# **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Deputy Chairman Senate.

# REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF: [Under Rule 195]

1. **SENATOR SYED ALI ZAFAR**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Farooq Hamid Naek on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022.(Amendment of Article 142 and substitution of Article 175A).

#### The Report stood laid.

**2. Senator Syed Ali Zafar**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022. **(Amendment of Articles 218 and 228)** 

#### The Report stood laid.

**3. Senator Syed Ali Zafar**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, regarding Circuit Benches of Balochistan High Court.

**4. Senator Syed Ali Zafar**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022. **(Amendment of Article 51)** 

#### The Report stood laid.

**5. Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Sania Nishtar on 24th July, 2023.

#### The Report stood laid.

**6. Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 [The National Accountability (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

#### The Report stood laid.

**7. Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 96, asked by Senator Gurdeep Singh on 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2023, regarding Qualification, Experience, Age limit, Perk, Privileges, Benefits, Budget allocated and utilized by the Tribunal.

# The Report stood laid.

**8. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Cutting of Trees (Prohibition) Act, 1992 [The Cutting of Trees (Prohibition) (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Palwasha Mohammed Zai Khan on 6th November, 2023.

#### The Report stood laid.

**9. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on 27th November, 2023.

### The Report stood laid.

**10. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 [The Guardians and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2024], introduced by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on 1st January, 2024.

**11. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024], introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 1st January, 2024.

# The Report stood laid.

**12. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance, 2002 [The Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill, 2024], introduced by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on 1st January, 2024.

# The Report stood laid.

**13. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024], introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 1st January, 2024. **(Insertion of Section 297A PPC)** 

# The Report stood laid.

**14. Senator Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2002 [The National Database and Registration Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2024], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 6th November, 2023.

# The Report stood laid.

**15. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 94, asked by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, regarding whether the Government established institutes for imparting training to the teachers, if so, the details thereof.

# The Report stood laid.

**16. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 103, asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, regarding the number of students studding in "A" and "O" levels under the Cambridge system in Pakistan at present indicating also the number of students appeared in "A" and "O" level examinations during the period from 2018 to 2021 with year wise breakup.

**17. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the establishment of the International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences [The International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences Bill, 2024].

# The Report stood laid.

**18. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 [The Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024].

# The Report stood laid.

**19. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand,** Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented Report of the Committee on the affairs/working and performance of institutions registered with Pakistan Nursing Council, their affiliations with the Hospitals and fake degrees/certificates issued to nurses.

# The Report stood laid.

**20. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand,** Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination to present Report of the Committee on a Bill to make provisions for protection of breast-feeding and nutrition for infants and young children [The Islamabad Capital Territory Protection of Breast-Feeding and Child Nutrition Bill, 2023] introduced by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani on 6th November, 2023.

# The Report stood laid.

**21. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand,** Chairman Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented Report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 [The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2024] introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 1st January, 2024.

# The Report stood laid.

**22. Senator Saadia Abbasi,** Chairperson, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No.41 asked by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 10th November, 2023, regarding whether it is a fact that the benevolent Fund is granting reimbursement of semester's fee upto University level to the dependent children of Government employees if so, the details of the BS and MS programmes which were allowed fee reimbursement.

**23. Senator Hidayatullah Khan,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No.51 asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 26th December, 2023, regarding the names and locations of residential projects/schemes initiated by the Federal Government Employees Housing Authority during the period from January, 2001 to July, 2023 indicating also the amount collected from the same.

# The Report stood laid.

**24. Senator Saadia Abbasi,** On behalf of **Senator Saleem Mandviwalla**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, presented report of the Committee on a motion under rule 218, moved by Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur on 27th November, 2023, regarding the issue of ways and means to control the non-developmental/recurring expenditure of the Government.

# The Report stood laid.

#### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

1. Senator Danesh Kumar, to draw attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulation and Coordination Division towards the issue pertaining to severe shortage of medicines in National Institute of Rehabilitation Medicines (NIRM), Islamabad, causing inconvenience to the poor patients.

# The Calling Attention was deferred

- **2. Senator Kamran Murtaza**, drew attention of the Minister for Industries and Production, towards the issue of retrenchment and non-payment of salaries to 32 Khateeb / Moazzin performing duties in various Mosques under administrative control of Pakistan Steel Mills.
- Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issue.

# The Calling Attention was disposed off.

#### **POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- **1. Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** spoke regarding the allocation of women and minorities reserved seats in the provincial and national Assembly to PTI-SIC, as per the Constitution.
- **2. Senator Rubina Khalid,** spoke regarding the incident of hounding of a women for blasphemy wearing a dress with Arabic Calligraphy prints in Lahore.

After hearing the Member, The Deputy Chairman Senate directed to Secretary Senate seek report from PMDC.

- **3. Senator Saadia Abbasi,** spoke regarding the allocation of reserved seats to the PTI-SIC in the assemblies and release of PTI's women activists/leader.
- **4. Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan,** spoke regarding the stopping of Ravi Water flow to Pakistan by India.
- **5. Senator Faisal Javed,** spoke regarding the humanity ocent political workers.
- **6. Senator Naseebullah Bazai,** spoke regarding the load shedding of gas and electricity in various cities/areas of Balochistan.

# Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Manzoor Ahmed
- 7. Senator Shahadat Awan, spoke regarding the new Shahadat Awan Point of Public Importance raised by Senator retracting of the Indus Rver System Authority (IRSA) Act 1992.
- **8. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari,** spoke regarding the hate being spread in the name of religion and the religious intolerance in the society.

# Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad
- **9. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed,** spoke regarding the atrocities being committed by the Israeli forces in Palestine; and sponsorship rights given to the KFC from the PSL.
- **10. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed,** spoke regarding the commemorating the fifth anniversary of "Operation Swift Retort".

At 12:35 p.m. the Deputy Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad, the 27<sup>th</sup> February