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The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Chamber, (State Bank Building), Islamabad, at six of the clock in the evening, Mr. Chairman (Mr. Habibullah Khan) in the Chair.

(Recitation from the Holy Quran)

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up Questions.

Rao Abdus Sattar : Question No. 2

Mr. Chairman : Question No. 2 in name of Khawaja Mohammad Safdar.

VEGETABLE GHEE

2. *Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : Will the Minister for Production, Industries and Town Planning be pleased to state :

(a) the break-up cost of a tin of 10 Lbs. of Vegetable Ghee manufactured from indigenous oil ;

(b) the break-up cost of a tin of 10 Lbs. of Vegetable Ghee manufactured from imported oil; and

(c) the total production of Vegetable Ghee in Pakistan during the year 1974 ?

Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani : (a) and (b) Vegetable Ghee is neither manufactured wholly from indigenous oil nor wholly from imported oil, and hence no break-up cost of a tin of 10 Lbs. of Vegetable Ghee manufactured either wholly from indigenous oil or wholly from imported oil is available.

(c) The total production of Vegetable Ghee in Pakistan during the year 1974 was 2,54,626 tons.

Mr. Chairman : No supplementary ? Yes.

Rao Abdus Sattar : Question No. 4, Sir.

PIDC RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS

4. *Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : Will the Minister for Production, Industries and Town Planning be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the PIDC has built residential quarters for its low-paid employees in Bath Island, Karachi, which have been in possession of such employees, *i. e.* chawkidars, malis, etc. ;

(b) whether it is a fact that on the bifurcation of the PIDC these persons have been transferred to other corporations ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the PIDC authorities have ordered the occupants of these quarters to vacate them, while the new corporations have not arranged for their accommodation ?

Mr. M. Rafi Raza (Read by Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani) :

(a) No. However, some quarters for private servants of PIDC personnel were given to PIDC staff purely on temporary basis.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. The servant quarters were not meant for the staff. In lieu of residential accommodation, the employees get house rent allowance according to their entitlement.

Mr. Chairman : Any supplementary ? No. So, this disposes, of Questions.

STATEMENTS RE : ASSURANCES LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE

[Information promised in reply to supplementary to Starred Question No. 11 asked by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar on the 30th January 1975, regarding ban on export of vegetable]

As stated by the Minister for Commerce a ban on the export of all vegetables has been in force since 9th August, 1973. This ban, however, does not apply to mushrooms. These are classified under Code No. PSTC-R 055100 meant for 'dried vegetables'. The statistics showing export of vegetables during July-November, 1974 relate to mushrooms. In reality there has been no export of fresh vegetables during July-November, 1974 or later. The ban on export of fresh vegetables is being strictly enforced. The Government has no intention to relax its ban in view of the inadequate supply of vegetables in the country. Recently due to excessive production of potatoes, the Government has permitted the export of 5,000 tons of potatoes only through Trading Corporation of Pakistan. This exception has been made to stabilise the prices of potato to a reasonable level for the grower.

[Information promised in reply to Starred Question No. 101 asked by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar on 22nd August, 1974, regarding the number of employees of Accounts Departments against whom criminal cases had been registered during the strike of 1974]

Pakistan Audit Department : 199.

Military Accounts Department : 164.

Mr. Chairman : Now, reports of the Standing Committees are to be presented. Mr. Nargis Zaman Khan Kiani.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT *RE*: THE MALARIA ERADICATION BOARD (REPEAL) BILL, 1975

جناب نرگس زمان خان کیانی : میں مجلس انسداد ملیریا آرڈیننس مجریہ 1961ء کو منسوخ کرنے کے بل مجلس انسداد ملیریا (تسلیخی) بل 1975ء پر قائم کمیٹی کی رپورٹ پیش کرتا ہوں۔

Mr. Chairman : Next, Rao Abdus Sattar.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT *RE*: THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975

Rao Abdus Sattar : Sir, I have the honour to present the report of the Standing Committee on the Bill to amend the National Registration Act, 1973 [The National Registration (Amendment) Bill, 1975].

Mr. Chairman : Now, we take up Legislative Business. There is a Bill in the name of Mir Afzal Khan, Minister for Commerce. He is not present. But there must be somebody to move it.

Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani : Sir, I will introduce the Bill on behalf of Mr. Afzal Khan.

Mr. Chairman : Are you deputising him—presenting and piloting the Bill ?

Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : You make your motion.

THE INSURANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975

Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move :

“That the Bill further to amend the Insurance Act, 1938 [The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken in to consideration.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Insurance Act, 1938 [The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.”

Rao Abdus Sattar : Sir, I beg to move that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. Chairman : Do you want it to be referred to the Standing Committee ?

Rao Abdus Sattar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : All right. Do you agree ?

Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani : Sir, if the Members want, I can pilot the Bill and explain to them. It is not a big Bill. There are certain amendments, which have been sought under this Bill. But because he has moved, I do not mind if he wants it to be referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. Chairman : Rao Sahib, do you want it to be referred to the Standing Committee ? Syed Qaim Ali Shah is of the view that it is a simple non-controversial Bill.

راؤ عبدالستار : جناب والا ! ہمیشہ ہم یہی کرتے ہیں کہ جو بل آتا ہے اسے اسٹینڈنگ کمیٹی کو ریفر کر دیتے ہیں ۔

Syed Qaim Ali Shah Jillani : I said I have the least objection. If the motion is moved, I have no objection.

Mr. Chairman : Well, the motion has been moved. This can be withdrawn and taken back. That is no obstacle. But if you want that it should be referred to the Standing Committee, I do not want to stand in your way.

All right, I put it to the House. The question before the House is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Insurance Act, 1938 [The Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The Bill stands referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

Then automatically the next item—Item No. 6 falls.

Should we meet in the morning ?

Sardar Mohammad Aslam : Tomorrow morning.

Mr. Chairman : Early in the morning ?

Sardar Mohammad Aslam : At 10 o'clock.

Mr. Chairman : Yes. Mr. Sulaiman ?

Mr. Muhammad Sulaiman Mejo : Sir, I submitted that it should be 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Chairman : Then I am going to adjourn the House. Agha Sahib, what is your view ?

Agha Ghulam Nabi Khan : I oppose it.

Mr. Chairman : Mr. Qamaruzzaman, what is your view ?

Mr. Qamaruzzaman Shah : I won't be here tomorrow morning. That is why I am keeping quiet.

Mr. Chairman : The understanding was that you would be presiding.

Mr. Qamaruzzaman Shah : Yes, Mr. Ihsan will preside.

Mr. Chairman : You are backing out from the understanding.

Mr. Qamaruzzaman Shah : No, Sir. He has undertook to take over the entire responsibility.

Mr. Chairman : All right. The House is adjourned to meet again tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

[The House adjourned to meet again at ten of the clock in the morning on Friday, July 4, 1975].
