

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	23 rd November, 2016 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	02:05 pm
Adjourned at	05:20 pm
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	65
Total working hours	3 hours & 15 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

13 questions were replied in the House whereas replies to 7 questions were treated as laid on the table of the House, due to absence of concerned Members. 9 Questions were deferred.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The House acknowledged the presence of Mr. Akbar Khan, Secretary General of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and the Assistant Director (Programmes) CPA who were present in the Gallery to witness the proceedings.

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 unfortunate incident of bomb blast at Civil Hospital, Quetta which resulted into loss of nearly hundred lives and injuries to over one hundred and fifty people.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Interior	The Motion was held out of order as the matter has already been discussed in the House

2.	The Tobacco Industry's advertisement, promotion, sponsorship and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) i.e. funding in charity to cover up the fact that they sell deadly products.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Information and Broadcasting	The Motion was held out of order as the matter pertained to a Policy for which a Motion under rule 218 is more appropriate tool.
3.	The report of the Auditor General of Pakistan for the year 2014-15 in which the financial irregularities of 182 billion rupees has been pointed out in Federal Board of Revenue's Inland Revenue Service.	Senator Sirajul Haq	Finance	Due to absence of Member Motion was dropped.

REPORT TO THE HOUSE BY THE CHAIRMAN ON A MATTER OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The Chairman Senate apprised the House about his discussion with the Chief Minister Sindh and the steps taken by the Government of Sindh regarding the incident of subjection to torture of a student of Larkana Cadet College.

The matter was raised by Senator Khushbakht Shujat on 22nd November, 2016.

PERMISSION TO HOLD MEETING

Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Finance sought permission from the Chair to convene meeting of the Committee during the session as the Committee has to finalize an important Bill.

The Chairman granted permission to hold meeting of the Committee during the session.

STATEMENT BY THE FINANCE MINISTER

Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance made statement in the House regarding the enhancement of salaries of the parliamentarians including the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Speaker and the Deputy Speaker.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

- **Senators Saleem Mandviwala** drew attention of the Minister for Railways, towards the train accident at Landhi Railway Station which resulted into loss of more than twenty precious lives of innocent citizens and injuries to many.

KhawajaSaadRafique, Federal Minister for Railways, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

- **Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah,** drew attention of the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, towards the news item published in print media on 20th October, 2016, that the narcotics business is being run in the public and private sector educational institutions in Islamabad and a large number of students are directly involved in its sale and purchase which reflects that the Government has totally been failed to control the situation.

Dr. Tariq FazalChaudhry, Minister of State for Capital Administration & Development Division, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

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.	Defence	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	The Bill further to amend the National Command Authority Act, 2010 [The National Command Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2016].	The Chairman referred back the report to the Committee to consider that whether the particular amendment in the Bill is hitting the fundamental rights of the employees of that Organization.

2.	Law and Justice	Senator Muhammad JavedAbbasi	The Bill further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 [The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2016].	Report stands laid.
3.	Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage	Senator Kamil Ali Agha	Starred question No. 115-A, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, on 4th October, 2016, regarding various details of official vehicles being used by officers / officials of Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, its attached departments and Sub-ordinate offices.	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 Muhammad JavedAbbasi	The period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the constitution of a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the revelations made by the disclosures contained in the Panama Papers [The Panama Papers Inquiries Bill, 2016] introduced by Senator AitzazAhsan on 26th September, 2016, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 26th November, 2016, in order to enable to the Committee to extensively deliberate on the Bill.	The Motion was put to the House which was rejected by 15 votes to 23.

2.	Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi	The period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the prohibition of sheesha smoking in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Prohibition of Sheesha Smoking Bill, 2016] introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 26th September, 2016, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 26th November, 2016.	The Motion was carried and requisite extension was granted.
3.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	The period for presentation of report of the Committee on starred question No. 25 asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh, on 29th September, 2016, regarding import of huge quantity of powdered milk, referred by the House, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 29th November, 2016 in order to enable the Committee to present its report.	The Motion was carried and requisite extension was granted.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. **SENATOR KAMRAN MICHAEL**, Minister for Human Rights, moved that the Bill to provide for solemnization of marriages by Hindu families and for matters ancillary and incidental thereto [The Hindu Marriage Bill, 2016], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report

2. **MR. SIKANDAR HAYAT KHAN BOSAN**, Minister for National Food Security and Research, moved that the Bill to encourage the development of new plant varieties and to protect the rights of breeders of such varieties [The Plant Breeders' Rights Bill, 2016], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

Following Members spoke on the Bill:-

1. Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan, Minister for National Food Security and Research.
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

3. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
4. Senator Saud Majeed.

Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

The Bill was finally passed by the House unanimously.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

Sr. No.	Name of the Member(s)	The issue in brief	Direction of the Chairman, if any
1.	Senator Shahi Syed	Pointed out the non-registration of some departments of Dawood university of engineering Sindh so the future of the students is at stake.	Chairman stated that University belong to provincial charter so raise this matter with provincial government.
2.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Spoke about the non-implementation of the decisions of the House either in the House or in the Committees and also about the non-implementation of the Resolutions passed by the House.	Chairman urged the Leader of the House and other Parliamentary party leaders to devolve some mechanism of categorization of the resolutions as the resolutions are the will of the House which should be respected and implemented. The Chairman suggested to discuss the issue in the Business Advisory Committee as well as in Council of Chairman.
3.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Spoke about the USF Fund and irregularities therein	Chairman stated that Subcommittee of the main Committee is already seized of the matter so let them furnish any report.

4.	Senator Nauman Wazir	Pointed out that the pioneer industry is not being incentivized by the Government under CPEC.	The Chairman directed that the verbatim be sent to the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms with the direction to appear in the House on 24 th November, 2016 and respond the matter.
5.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Appreciated the interception of Indian submarine by Pakistan Navy and urged the Government to enhance the funds for maritime security agency.	
6.	Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif	Spoke about the traffic blockages in Karachi due to VIP movements.	
7.	Senator Nasreen Jalil	Put on record the demand of students to raise the number of opportunities for CSS examination from 3 to 5	
8.	Senator Hafiz Hamdullah	Appreciated the interception and destruction of Indian drone at LoC by Pakistan Army and also raised questions that why the number of drone attacks in FATA was never been intercepted and destroyed by our agencies. He spoke about the collateral damage in FATA.	
9.	Senator Sherry Rehman, Aitzaz Ahsan and Kamil Ali Agha	Pointed out the recent wave of aggression/violation of ceasefire by the Indian Forces across the LoC and bombardment on the civilian population as well as the passenger	The Chairman Senate directed that the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs may be asked to appear in the House tomorrow i.e. the 24 th November, 2016 (Thursday) and make

		<p>coaches which resulted into deaths of civilian population and the armed forces personnel. The Members vehemently criticized the dormant response from the Civilian Government in this regard.</p>	<p>statement on the actions taken by the Government on the recent wave of aggression by the Indian Forces at LoC and also apprise the House that why the Government of Pakistan has not raised the issue of violations of ceasefire by India with the United Nations Security Council.</p>
10.	<p>Senator Raja Zafar ul Haq (Leader of the House)</p>	<p>Stated that the Opposition should criticize the Government but in a reasonable way and not in a way that they in order to achieve their political ambitions malign the whole face of the country.</p>	

- The House was adjourned to meet again on Thursday the 24th November, 2016 at 02:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

23rd November, 2016