

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	16 th March, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:20 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:25 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah (during question hour) & Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate (during the remaining proceedings)
Attendance	57
Total working hours	2 hours and 5 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 189, 191, 193 and 195 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 196 and 198 were deferred. Replies to question Nos. 47, 194, 197, 200 and 201 were treated as laid on the tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. 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 and accordingly leave was granted by the House.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

On reconsideration, the following Adjournment Motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 15th march, 2017, which was admitted by the presiding officer on the same day, was held out of order in terms of the rule 87 (d), Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012:-

“To discuss the sectarian hatred being promoted through acts of racial profiling which may provide a fertile ground to the extremists

Daesh group to spread its ideology in Pakistan by recruiting militants particularly in Punjab.”

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of delegates from 22 Parliaments of Asia who are in Islamabad to attend the APA conference being hosted by the Senate of Pakistan.
- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of delegation of Members, officials and secretaries from Provincial Assemblies of Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab and Sindh.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

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

1. The adjournment motion to discuss the up-loading of material against the religious, social and ethical norms on the social media affecting the youth, notice given by Senator Chaudhry Tanvir Khan.

Motion was dropped due to absence of the concerned Member.

2. The adjournment motion to discuss the confession of Mr. Hussain Haqqani, Ex-Ambassador of Pakistan to USA through his article published in Washington Post on 10th March, 2017, with regard to facilitation of CIA agents’ discrete induction into Pakistan with the approval of the leadership of the ruling party at that time, notices given by Senators Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum and Mohsin Aziz.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion in order and fixed for discussion on 21st March, 2017 as last item.

Since adjournment motion was admitted, therefore, admissibility of following adjournment motion was deferred:-

- i. The adjournment motion to discuss the failure of the Government to address significant issues pertaining to the census exercise such as the questionable use of forms that exclude carbon copies or any form of cross verification by

enumerators, the exclusion of Form 2A which will leave out significant data and social indicators and the aspect of secrecy / confidentiality of the matter, notices given by Senators Sherry Rehman, Aitzaz Ahsan and Farooq Hamid Naek.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House: -

1. **Senator Sherry Rehman**, drew attention of the Minister for Climate Change towards the air pollution caused by the Steel Mills in the Federal Capital despite the fact that the Pakistan Environment Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) had sealed the Steel Mills five months ago but they have resumed their activities without getting clearance from the concerned authorities.

The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on written request of the Member.

2. **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**, drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards functioning of about one hundred guest houses, private schools, media houses, hostels for men and women in residential areas of Islamabad Capital Territory despite a ban imposed on such business activities in those areas by the Supreme Court of Pakistan two years ago.

Mr. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. **Senator Farhatullah Babar**, Chairman, Select Committee on the Right to Information Bill, 2016, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the right to information in a rapid and low-cost manner subject only to reasonable restrictions established by law [The Right to Information Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Kamil Ali Agha on 21st November, 2016.

Following members spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar
2. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah
2. **Senator Samina Abid** on behalf of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Chairman Standing Committee on Climate Change, presented the report of the Committee on the Bill to meet Pakistan's obligations under international

conventions relating to climate change and address the effects of climate change[The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017].

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

1. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Convener, Special Committee on the performance of PIA, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the second interim report of the Special Committee regarding the overall performance of PIA, presented in the House on 9th March, 2017, be considered and adopted.

Following Members spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
3. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.

The Motion was then put to the House and adopted.

2. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Convener, Special Committee on 24 Demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 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 Special Committee on those demands presented in the House on 8th March, 2017, be considered and adopted.

Following Members spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
3. Senator Mohsin Aziz.

The Motion was then put to the House and adopted.

WITHDRAWAL OF BILL

Senator Kamil Ali Agha sought leave to withdraw the Bill namely, The Right to Information Bill, 2016, which was introduced in the Senate on 21st November, 2016.

The leave was granted and the Bill stands withdrawn.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati urged the government to allocate the NFC Award as the extension of previous award is resulting in financial losses to the provinces.
2. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamra @ Aajiz pointed out that the Census forms are filled with pencils. The Complaint Center has not taken notice of this matter.
The chairman directed Senator Raja Zafar ul Haq (Leader of the House) to talk to government about appointing a point minister for the matter of census and report in the House by tomorrow i.e. 16th March, 2017.
3. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the arrest of 35 trans genders of Pakistani origin in Saudi Arabia. 29 out of which were released and the remaining 6 were kept in police custody. 1 of the transgender lost his life due to physical torture in the police custody. He further pointed out the decline in trade and the problems faced by people as Pak-Afghan border is closed.
The chairman directed the Secretariat to provide the verbatim regarding the issue of death of transgender to the Advisor to the Prime Minister and ask him to apprise the House in this regard on Tuesday i.e 21st March, 2017.
4. Senator Aurangzeb Khan raised that the Census must be conducted when the IDPs have returned to their respective homes. As there is no population left in Upper Orakzai Agency of FATA due to the recent wave of terrorism.
5. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Laghari pointed out the hydro power projects initiated by the Indian Government in Occupied Kashmir and urged upon the Government to give importance to the issue of water in Pakistan as well.
The chairman directed the member to move a Calling Attention Notice.
6. Senator Sasui Palejo raised that the census information must not be kept secret and be shared with the respective provinces.
7. Senator Mohsin Aziz pointed out the media campaign that has started regarding sugar mills.
Chairman directed the member to move a motion so the Minister can respond.

8. Senator Nehal Hashmi pointed out that the provincial governments must provide adequate facilities and infrastructure to the civil courts so they can enhance their capacity.
9. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed that the points of public importance raised in the House and during Committee meetings are not given proper media coverage.
10. Senator Taj Haider pointed out the decline in import of Furnace Oil and less storage capacity in the Country.

The chairman directed the Minister for Petroleum to make a statement in this regard in the House on Monday i.e. 20th March, 2017.

- The Chairman adjourned the proceedings to meet again on Friday the 17th March, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Islamabad, the

16th March, 2017