

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	19 th September,2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	3:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	7:30 p.m.
Presided by	Dy. Chairman during question hour and Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings
Attendance	65
Total working hours	4 hours and 30 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 165, 116, 119, 120, 123, 124 and 127 were replied. Written replies to question Nos. 151, 163, 167, 171, 39, 114, 117, 121, 122, 125 and 126 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Question No. 32 was deferred due to non-receipt of reply. Remaining question and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend, consolidate and unify laws relating to the conduct of elections [The Elections Bill, 2017].

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. **SENATOR NASREEN JALIL**, drew attention of the Minister for Statistics towards the discrepancy in the figures of three departments of the Government about the population growth in Karachi i.e. the Census Commission, the Election Commission of Pakistan and NADRA.

Senator Kamran Michael, Minister for Statistics made statement on subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

The Members from MQM staged token walkout of the proceedings as protest against the statement made by the Minister.

2. **SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN** drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the incident of breaking of fire in Awami Markaz, Islamabad resulting into loss of two precious lives and destruction of crucial official record which reflects that there was neither an IT Park with fire safety procedure as per international standard nor there were any SOPs in place for emergency exit.

Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior made statement on subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

MOTION (Under Rule 157 (2))

Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman on behalf of SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved that the Senate may discuss the Third Quarterly Report for the year 2016-2017 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of the Economy, laid on the Table of the House on 22nd August, 2017.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
3. Senator Sherry Rehman.
4. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab.
5. Senator Taj Haider.
6. Senator Nasreen Jalil.

After discussion, Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman on behalf of Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs wound up the discussion.

MOTION OF THANKS

Further discussion on the following motion moved by Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on 12th September, 2017:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 1st June, 2017.”.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.

Thereafter, Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change explained the position of the Government at the end of the discussion.

The Motion was put to the House which was adopted.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(i) Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior made statement regarding the revelations made by the former Minister for Interior during a TV Interview that there are some serious threats to the country which are known only to four personalities including him and the former Prime Minister and the same are not even in the knowledge of the present Prime Minister of Pakistan, raised by Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition on 12th September, 2017.

The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.

(ii) Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior made statement regarding the shutting down of three hundred coal mines in district Harnai by FC Balochistan on the pretext of security clearance after the incident of bomb blast on 13th August, 2017, which resulted into killing of six FC personnel, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 28th August, 2017;

The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.

The Chairman asked the Minister to take personal interest for resolving the issue.

- (iii) Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior assured that half yearly reports in terms of section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (Act No. XL of 2016) by the agency designated or established under section 29 of the said Act for in camera consideration in respect of its activities by the relevant Committees of the Parliament will be laid before both the House at the earliest.

The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.

- (iv) Minister for Industries and Production made statement regarding the shortage of explosives for mining of Chromite in Muslim Bagh, Balochistan due to withdrawal of permission to supply the explosives in the area resulting into shutting down of eighty percent mines of Chromite in Muslim Bagh area, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 12th September, 2017;

The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.

The Chairman asked the Minister for Interior to take personal interest for resolving the issue.

- (v) Minister of State for Energy made statement regarding non-provision of gas to Khairpur Industrial Estate whereas Khairpur is a gas producing district, raised by Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab on 15th September, 2017; and

The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.

- (vi) Minister for Climate Change made statement regarding the depletion of forests and wildlife in Balochistan, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 12th September, 2017.

The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.

OFFERING OF FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for Mr. Obaid Ullah, Electric Supervisor, Senate Secretariat who died in a road accident.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman directed the Minister for Law and Justice that the Minister for Foreign Affairs may be asked to make statement in the House regarding the following issues:-

1. Regarding the display of banners mentioning “Free Balochistan” by the BLA in Geneva and the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

2. Regarding the media reports that the Prime Minister of Pakistan during his visit to USA to participate in United Nations General Assembly meeting will be meeting to the Vice President of USA in sideline meetings which is an insult to the Premier of Pakistan when Pakistan is a major coalition member in war against terror. The Chair advised the Prime Minister not to meet the Vice President of USA as it is against his status and dignity.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 24th August, 2017, regarding the Pak-Iran and TAPI gas pipeline projects and the future consequences of importing costly LNG from Qatar.

Following Members spoke on the subject matter of the adjournment motion:-

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
2. Senator Taj Haider.
3. Senator Tanveer Ul Haq Thanvi.
4. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz.
5. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
6. Senator Nasreen Jalil.
7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

Minister of State for Energy wound up the discussion.

The Motion was thus talked out.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Professor Sajid Mir pointed the abduction of a leader of his party which issue was earlier raised by Senator Hamadullah and the Leader of the House was asked to take a report thereon and inform the House. The Member stated that the Leader of the House has not informed the House so far.

The Chairman stated that tomorrow the Leader of the House will be in House and we will ask from him.

2. Senator Saleem Zia spoke about the issue of Aisha Bawani College in Karachi due to which the students of the college are suffering.

The Chairman stated that he will speak to the Chief Minister Sindh in this regard.

3. Senator Murtaza Wahab pointed out the non-issuance of license by the Federal Government for renewable energy projects in Sindh.

The Chairman advised the Member to give a Calling Attention Notice.

He further pointed out the usage of permanent addresses on the CNICs by the Census Commission to collect the data whereas the CNICs were not verified by the enumerators due to lack of mechanism.

At 7:30 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 20th September, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.