

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	20 th September,2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	3:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:25 p.m.
Presided by	Dy. Chairman during question hour and Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings
Attendance	79
Total working hours	3 hours and 25 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 1, 9, 130, 54, 131, 133, 134, 135, 137 and 138 were replied in the House. Question No. 132 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.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

3. Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions will be determined:-

(i) Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved Adj. Motion No. 1(2-267/2017-M) to discuss the incident of rape of a 16 years old girl committed on the orders of a panchayat in a suburb of Multan on 26th July, 2017.

The Chairman stated that it is provincial issue but since it is an important issue so the same can be discussed in the House through a motion under rule 218.

The Mover withdrew his motion with the assurance by the Chair that the notice of motion under rule 218, if given by the Member, will be given priority.

(ii) Senator Sehar Kamran moved Adj. Motion No. 2(8-267/2017-M) to discuss the reconstitution of Council of Common Interests with an overwhelming representation from Punjab.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion in order but only to the extent of issuing of notification of reconstitution of CCI by the Prime Minister which is the prerogative of the President under the Constitution.

MOTION
[Under Rule 194(1)]

4. SENATOR SAUD MAJEED, Chairman, Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq on 20th January, 2017, regarding the granting of equivalence certificates to O and A level students by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) and referred to the Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training on 9th August, 2017, be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 9th October, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and leave was granted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

5. SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the pending approval of 7500 sanctioned new posts (SNEs) for FATA which have already been approved by the FATA Secretariat and the Ministry of SAFRON.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement on subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

After hearing the Minister the Chairman referred the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice to the Standing Committee concerned.

MOTION
(Under Rule 60)

6. SENATOR FARHATULLAH BABAR moved for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of the answer to starred question No. 8, replied on 22nd August, 2017:-

“regarding glaring contradictions between the recommendations of the inquiry committee and their implementation as claimed in the reply in the case of malpractices in Aero Medical Department of Civil Aviation Authority.”.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
5. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
8. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan
9. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House
10. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

After hearing the Members and the Minister the Chairman held that prima facie it is a breach of privilege of the House as false information has been submitted before the House. Under rule 75 of Senate Rules read with M.N Kaul page 330 (7th Edition), the Chairman laid down the procedure that the Committee on Privileges will take up the matter to the extent of summoning the people, collecting the evidence, examining the record and formulating the report which after presentation before the House will be considered by the House itself. The Committee was directed to complete the taking of evidence and examining of record and witnesses, if any, within a period of two weeks as of the day from which they receive notice of the same.

Chairman directed the Committee to issue notices to the Secretary Aviation Division and D.G Civil Aviation Authority.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

7. SENATOR MAULANA HAFIZ HAMDULLAH drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the proposed installation of spying equipment on the roof of under construction eight storey building of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, the construction of which has been started without obtaining NOC.

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division made statement on subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs made statement regarding the incident of displaying of banners and boards in Geneva carrying the slogan “free Balochistan” and the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far.

The Chairman observed that the Ambassador of Switzerland should have been asked to leave the country immediately as soil of Switzerland is being used to extend the agenda of the terrorist organization BLA which has been banned in Pakistan.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Kalsoom Parveen pointed out the order of Supreme Court whereby it was directed to the CDA to develop land for the allotment of plots to lawyers in Park Enclave Islamabad whereupon the CDA is trying to encroach upon the land of adjacent village Tamma Morian through use of force which might lead to some untoward incident as the villagers are not ready to give their land at the conditions of CDA.

Minister of State for CADD responded on the issue.

The Chair observed that since the order of the Supreme Court is involved in this issue so House may not take any notice of the same.

2. Senator Hari Ram paid tribute to Dadi Leela a renowned educationist who passed away.

The House observed one minute silence to pay tribute to Dadi Leela.

3. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz also paid tribute to Dadi Leela. He further spoke about extensive load shedding of electricity in Sindh and non-payment of compensation to the people who died of electric current due to negligence of HESCO.
4. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi about the cutting of fiber optic cable in Shoran area of Balochistan for the last seven years due to which no internet or IT facilities are available in the area to the students and others.

The Chairman directed to send the Verbatim to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

5. Senator Farhatullah Babar suggested that schedule of payment for allotment of plots in F-14 Islamabad may be reconsidered by the Government.

The Chairman directed Leader of the House to look into the matter and take up the same with the Government.

6. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah drew attention of the House towards Gharang Check post of FC in Balochistan due to which long queues of vehicles is a daily routine causing great problems to the people of the area.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Interior for consideration and report.

7. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the non-issuance of visa to a Professor by Pakistan High Commission in UK who has to participate in a Conference in Pakistan.
8. Senator Sehar Kamran stated that Allama Iqbal Open University was founded by Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto but there is no mention of him elsewhere either in the University or on its website.
9. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati stated that in his constituency NA-21 funds have been provided to Pak PWD for developmental work in which huge embezzlements have been reported but despite repeated requests the details of funds released and utilized are not being provided to him. He sought assistance of the Chair in this regard.

The Chairman asked the Member to see him in his Chamber to discuss this issue.

10. Senator Sassui Palijo spoke about Dadi Leela. She further spoke about the delay in announcement of NFC Award.

The Chairman also made his observation in this regard.

11. Senator Kamil Ali Agha drew attention of the House towards the issuance of warrants of Minister for Finance who is abroad and urged the Government to appoint someone else for this portfolio as it is creating a bad image and also raising many questions.
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel spoke about the less allocation of funds in PSDP for Balochistan and delay in release of the allocated funds.
13. Senator Gianchand paid tribute to Dadi Leela.
14. Senator Taj Haider drew attention towards the angle of globe affixed on the Constitution Avenue which is wrong.

The Chairman stated that this matter has already been referred to CDA but no response has yet been received from them. The Chairman asked the Minister for Climate Change to see into this issue as well as the wrong arrangements of slogan of Quaid affixed on the Express Way Islamabad which is a historical distortion.

15. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the use of narcotics in educational institutions of Balochistan.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned.

16. Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about the decision made by the Arbitration Tribunal of World Bank against Pakistan in the case of rental power and a fine of 700 million dollars has been imposed on Pakistan whereas the Government has not disclosed this news to public and tried to hide the same.

At 6:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 21st September, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.