

## SENATE OF PAKISTAN

## DAILY JOURNAL

(276<sup>th</sup> Session)

Date and day	11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Prorogued at	06:05 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani
Attendance	75
Total working hours	03 hours and 05 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.
- Question Nos. 132, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 were asked and replied in the House. The remaining printed question and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motion was determined:-

Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, moved to discuss the decision of the Civil Aviation Authority to operationalize new Islamabad International Airport with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 despite the fact that the project is under investigation of NAB for alleged corruption of billions of rupees. **Chairman held the motion in order and admitted it for discussion in the next sitting.**

**Since first adjournment motion on the Orders of the Day was admitted, therefore, the remaining adjournment motions on the orders of the day were carried forward for next session.**

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

Senator Samina Saeed drew attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards the appointment of an inexperienced person as Ambassador to USA despite the fact that there are allegations against him which are under investigation.

- **Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Foreign Affairs made statement on the Calling Attention Notice and the CAN was disposed of.**

**MOTION**  
**[UNDER RULE 263]**

Senator Atta Ur Rehman moved motion under rule 263 for suspension of rules 25, 29, 30 and 33 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Senate 2012, in order to enable the House to move and pass a resolution condemning the incident of bombing on a Madrissah in District Kundooz Afghanistan.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

**Thereafter, Senator Atta Ur Rehman moved the unanimous Resolution which was put to the House and passed unanimously.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Tarar, Minister for Human Rights moved that the Bill further to amend the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996 [The Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2017], 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. Mumtaz Ahmad Tarar, Minister for Human Rights moved that the Bill to provide for criminal justice system for juveniles [The Juvenile Justice System Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

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

3. Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Tarar, Minister For Human Rights moved that the Bill to provide for the protection and care of children in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

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

4. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Minister In-Charge of Establishment Division, moved that the Bill further to amend the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1969 [The Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

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

5. Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination moved that the Bill to provide for establishment of the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority [The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

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

6. Mrs. Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination moved that the Bill to provide for restructuring of health services academy as a degree awarding institute [The Health Services Academy (Restructuring) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

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

### **REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Second Quarterly Report for the year 2017-2018 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy, as required under Section 9A(2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

**AMENDMENT TO THE SENATE RULES**

[Under Rule 278]

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader Of The House on his behalf and on behalf of Sherry Rehman, Leader Of The Opposition, sought for leave under sub-rule (4) of rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, to move that,-

- (i) in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, in rule 158, in sub-rule (1), in the proviso after the words “Standing Committee” occurring at the end, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

“, or that more than one Standing Committee be constituted for a Ministry having more than one Division where Divisions are headed by separate Ministers.”.

**The Leave was granted and the proposed amendment, after consideration was adopted.**

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

Senator Hidayat Ullah drew attention of the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training towards the low salaries of teachers working in Basic Education Community Schools and non-regularization of their services.

- **Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training made statement on the Calling Attention Notice and the CAN was disposed of.**

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

1. Senator Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised the issue of delay in the verification of certificates and documents by PMDC. He further pointed out the unavailability of internet service in District of Qallat and Mach of Balochistan.

**Minister for Parliamentary Affairs replied that he will inform the House with current status after confirming it with the concerned Ministry.**

2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel requested the Members of the Senate not to raise question on the subject matters devolved to the province after 18<sup>th</sup> amendment. He also pointed out the contradiction in the statement of the Health

Minister about the number of TB Centers in the country. The Member also expressed his concerns over the horse trading in current Senate elections and especially in Balochistan. He further pointed out the disparity in pay scales of junior and senior clerks working in the federal and provincial governments. In this regard he also quoted the directions of former Chairman Senate to resolve the matter during the remaining tenure of incumbent government.

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out that despite the unanimously passed resolution by the Senate of Pakistan regarding all the outstanding loans against farmers of Balochistan be waived off, the farmers were being arrested there. He also pointed out that Senate of Pakistan has passed unanimous Resolution and had recommended to make three different slabs for tariff of natural gas in Balochistan for domestic consumers, but no action has been taken in this regard.

**Chairman directed the Secretariat to get Ministerial response on the said matter.**

He further stated that the salaries of NCHD Schools teachers be raised to at least sixteen thousand rupees.

4. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the urgent need of establishment of office of PWD in Gwadar. He further urged that the office of PWD in Khuzdar may not be shifted to Gwadar. **Chairman directed the Secretariat to get Ministerial response on the said matter.**

He further raised the alarming increase in road accidents on Quetta-Karachi, Quetta-Jacobabad and Quetta-Taftan roads due to lack of illuminators and back lights of vehicles, resulting in loss of precious human lives. **Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**

5. Senator Sassui Palijo raised the alarming situation of water scarcity in the province of Sindh and irresponsible behavior of IRSA in this regard. **Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
6. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed pointed out the need for passing the Bill regarding FATA reforms. **Chairman remarked that the meeting of Committee of the Whole will soon be convened on the said matter.**

7. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition raised the issue of increase in incidents of abduction, rape and killing of children in the country and the need of concrete steps to be taken by the House in this regard. **Chairman remarked that after consulting the Leader of the House a Special Committee will be constituted.**
8. Senator Sitara Ayaz while pointing out the intolerance and lack of acceptance of criticism in politicians stated that the society is facing serious threats at the hands of extremist and intolerant elements and when it crosses the limits of decency, the society becomes victim and that there would be no respect for individuals and institutions.
9. Senator Sana Jamali emphasized on promoting tourism in Balochistan especially the Ziarat Residency. She further pointed out that the Government must take steps to preserve Juniper Forest in Balochistan. **Minister for Climate Change remarked that after 18<sup>th</sup> amendment the subject matter has been devolved to Provinces.**
10. Senator Shibli Faraz pointed out that the problems being faced by Public Sector Universities and their employees relating to their pension funds regularly, therefore Ministry along with other stakeholders must build a framework to resolve the issue. **Chairman directed the Secretariat to get Ministerial response on the said matter.**
11. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik expressed its reservations on the huge number of petitions received by Election Commission of Pakistan relating to the delimitation of the constituencies that it will affect the timely conduct of general elections in the country. **Chairman reserved his Ruling on the said issue.** The Member further stated that the Minister of Interior must engage the Pashtoon Movement protestors and briefly inform the house about the matter.
12. Senator Kalsoom Perveen raised the issues and problems being faced by the parents in Islamabad while getting admissions in schools. She also stated that the Education Minister as per his commitment must regularize the contractual teachers. **Chairman directed the Secretariat to get Ministerial response in this regard.**

**13.** Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo pointed out the unjustifiable behavior of Electricity providing Companies in Sindh especially HESCO, where on the 10% line losses, the whole area faces the precautions of load shedding. **Chairman directed the Secretariat to get Ministerial response in this regard.**

The Member also questioned the criteria followed by the Islamabad Traffic Police for determining speed limits on different roads of Islamabad.

**14.** Senator Naseebullah Bazai pointed out the lack and unavailability of basic necessities of life in the province of Balochistan and non-serious behavior of government towards the development projects in Balochistan.

**15.** Senator Faisal Javed pointed out that rather than protecting corrupt and culprit our legislation must focus on curbing it, unfortunately our legislation is more of person specific than Pakistan oriented.

**16.** Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani raised the issue of heavy tax imposed by the Government on Tobacco Farmers.

- **At 06:05 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,**  
**The 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.**