



## SESSION JOURNAL

### 281<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

<b>SITTING HOURS AND ATTENDANCE</b>	
Session summoned on	27 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018
Session prorogued on	3 <sup>rd</sup> September, 2018
Number of working days	8
Number of actual sittings	6
Maximum attendance	93
Minimum attendance	73
Average attendance	81
Total hours of sittings	18 hours and 45 minutes
Maximum hours of sitting	5 hours and 15 minutes
Minimum hours of sitting	1 hour and 50 minutes
Average hours of sitting	3 hours and 8 minutes

## **PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 281<sup>ST</sup> SESSION**

1. Senator Haroon Khan
2. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
3. Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri

### **FATEHA**

The House offered Fateha for the departed souls in various incidents during the intervening period of 280th and 281st sessions.

### **QUESTION HOURS**

During the session, 4 question hours were held on 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018.

<b>STARRED QUESTIONS</b>	
<i>Received</i>	522
<i>Admitted</i>	459
<i>Disallowed</i>	13
<i>Lapsed</i>	50
<i>Replied</i>	144
<i>Referred to a Standing Committee</i>	12

## **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

Following reports of the committees were presented during the session:

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to repeal the West Pakistan Prohibition of Smoking in Cinema House Ordinance, 1960 [The West Pakistan Prohibition of Smoking in Cinema House (Repeal) Bill, 2018].

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the holding of Free, Fair and Transparent Elections / Security of General Elections, 2018.
3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 4(276)/2018-M moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 10th April, 2018 regarding failure of the head of PSQCA in providing copy of a Bill which the Government was supposed to introduce.
4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1(276)/2018-M moved by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 3rd May, 2018 regarding misbehavior by the security personnel deputed on the route of Prime Minister's convoy on 9th March, 2018.
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented the report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1 (277)/2018-M, moved by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11th May, 2018, regarding misbehavior by XEN, C&W Department Noshki, Balochistan.
6. Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
7. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Chairman Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry, presented report of the Committee on a point of

public importance regarding collapse of power looms sector in Faisalabad, raised by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 25th May, 2018.

8. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on behalf of Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, Chairperson Committee on Delegated Legislation to present ninth quarterly report of the Committee for the period from May to July, 2018.

### **INTRODUCTION OF PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS**

Following Private Members' Bills were introduced and referred to Committees during the session:-

- Implementation and enforcement of measures to prevent and control of diseases in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Public Health (Surveillance and Response) Bill, 2018].
- Employment, rehabilitation and welfare of the disabled persons [The Disabled Persons (Employment and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018].
- Prohibit ostentatious displays and wasteful expenses in marriages and ceremonies relate thereto [The Marriage Functions (Prohibition of Ostentatious Displays and Wasteful Expenses) Bill, 2018].

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Following Bills were passed during the session:-

1. The Bill to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Following resolutions were passed during the session:-

1. This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps to ensure appointment of disabled persons against the quota reserved for them in the Federal Government departments.
2. This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps for creation of analytical data base wing in all Ministries in order to facilitate policy making of the respective Ministry.

## **UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION**

Following unanimous resolutions were passed during the session:-

1. Resolution condemning the holding of a blasphemous cartoon contest in the Netherlands.
2. Passed a resolution on the eve of International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances.

## **STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN**

Mr. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, made his maiden speech in the Senate of Pakistan and addressed the national and international issues with particular reference to financial crisis being faced by the country.

**MOTION**  
**[UNDER RULE 194 (1)]**

**MOTION UNDER RULE 194 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND  
CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012**

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Mover</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Senator Moula Bux Chandio, Convener, Special Committee on Water Scarcity, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012	on the issue of water shortage in the country moved by Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum on 6th July, 2018, may be extended for twenty working days with effect from 5th September, 2018	The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted
2	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012	on the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2016, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 19th December, 2016, may be extended for a further period of forty five working days with effect from 30th August, 2018	The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted

**MOTION UNDER RULE 194 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012**

3	Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012	on the Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Samina Saeed on 9th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of forty five working days with effect from 30th August, 2018	The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted
4	Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012	on a point of public importance regarding load shedding in the area of Sanghar, raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen on 15th May, 2018, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 31st August, 2018.	The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted

**MOTION UNDER RULE 194 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012**

5	Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, to move under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012	on a point of public importance regarding Juniper forests at district Ziarat, raised by Senator Sana Jamali on 11th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 30th August, 2018	The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted
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**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

<b>Serial No.</b>	<b>Calling Attention Notice</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Senator Mohsin Aziz drew attention of the Minister for Communication towards the bouncing of cheques of the contractors working on different projects of CPEC, including the road construction projects on the Western route which will eventually cause undue delay in the completion of the same	Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off



2	<p>Senators Muhammad Azam Khan Swati and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, drew attention of the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs towards the alleged failure of Result Transmission System (RTS) in the General Elections, 2018, and the performance of Election Commission of Pakistan in this regard.</p>	<p>The CAN was withdrawn by the Members as adjournment motion had already been admitted on the same issue</p>
3	<p>Senators Mian Raza Rabbani, Sherry Rehman and Dr. Sikandar Mandhro, drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the demands raised by a delegation of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) during their recent visit regarding expeditious implementation of the recommendations agreed by Pakistan and the implications of FATF Report on Pakistan's Grey listing</p>	<p>Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly</p>
4	<p>Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the inordinate delay in the establishment of the Federal Mental Health Authority as required under section 3 of the Mental Health Authority Ordinance, 2001</p>	<p>Mr. Aamir Mehmood Kiyani, Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off</p>

5	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, drew attention of the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan towards the law and order situation in Gilgit Baltistan with special reference to recent attacks on police and a Session Judge and torching of schools and the ongoing tensions in the Diamer District	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off
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### **REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

Following report was laid before the Senate:-

1. The Third Quarterly Report for the year 2017-2018 of the 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.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTIONS**

Serial No.	Subject of Adj. Motion	Direction of Chairman
1	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved his <b>Adj. Motion No. 1 (1-281/2018-M)</b> regarding the excessive use and sale of antibiotics at Medical Stores causing life threats to general public.	The Acting Chairman held the Motion in order for two hours discussion and the date and time for discussion will be fixed later.
2	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved his <b>Adj. Motion No. 1 (2-281/2018-M)</b> regarding the fake clinics and dispensaries operating in rural areas increasing fatality rate in the country.	The Acting Chairman referred the subject matter of the adjournment motion to the concerned Standing Committee.

3	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved his <b>Adj. Motion No. 1 (3-281/2018-M)</b> regarding the cases of human rights abuses especially against women and children during the recent weeks in the country.	After hearing the Member on admissibility, the Acting Chairman referred the subject matter of the Motion to the relevant Standing Committee.
4	<b>Adj. Motion No. 2 (6-281/2018-M)</b> , notice given by Senator Sherry Rehman, regarding the whopping current account deficit of Pakistan which has soared upto 17.994 billion USD till the end of Fiscal Year, 2018	The Motion was withdrawn by the Member
5	Senator Sherry Rehman moved her <b>Adj. Motion No. 3 (7-281/2018-M)</b> regarding the the disconcerting increase of 44.7% as compared to year 2017 in current account deficit of Pakistan which has soared upto 17.994 billion USD.	After hearing the Member on admissibility, the Acting Chairman held the Motion in order for discussion.
6	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved his <b>Adj. Motion No. 3 (7-281/2018-M)</b> regarding the issue of rigging in General Elections, 2018.	The Acting Chairman held the Motion in order for discussion

### **DISCUSSION ON ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

Following admitted adjournment motions were discussed during the session:-

1. Regarding the continuous display of abusive and blasphemous material against the Holy Prophet (PBUH) on the Internet, moved by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
2. Regarding the issue of rigging in General Elections, 2018, moved by Senator Javed Abbasi on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018.

## **LAYING OF ORDINANCE**

Following Ordinance was laid before the Senate:-

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, on behalf of Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. XIII of 2018), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**Since, the Ordinance was first laid in the Senate, therefore, under the Constitution, it was treated as a Bill introduced in the Senate. The Bill as introduced was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.**

## **FELICITATION SPEECH**

Senator Ch. Muhammad Sarwar made his felicitation as he is going to resign after the presidential election in view of his nomination as Governor of the Punjab.

The Deputy Chairman acknowledged his services and also informed the House about the previous Senators appointed as Governors.

## **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN**

The Acting Chairman made an announcement regarding the Presidential Elections to be held on 4th September, 2018 and various instructions conveyed by the ECP in this regard. The Chairman announced that all the procedure has been laid on the Tables of the House and has also been circulated to the Members at their addresses.

**POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**  
**[ZERO HOUR]**

Following points of public importance were introduced during this session:-

- Senator Sitara Ayaz pointed out the continuous threats to the General Secretary of her Party and she asked the Government to provide security to him. **Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issue and stated that he will speak to the chief Minister KPK in this regard.**
- Senator Quratulain Marri raised an important issue regarding circulation of defamatory and derogatory content on social media. **Minister for Foreign Affairs responded the issue.**
- Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the UN Report on genocide of Rohingya Muslims. She also pointed out the atrocities being committed by Indian Forces in Occupied Kashmir, Water dispute between Pakistan and India and recent visit of delegation of India to Pakistan. She also spoke about the FATF issues. **Minister for Foreign Affairs responded all the issues raised by the Member.**
- Senator Moula Bux Chandio, pointed out the charging of toll tax at Toll Plazas on Super Highway Karachi which is being termed as Motorway by the Government. He also pointed out the insulting behavior of FWO officials posted on Superhighway Toll Plazas. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**
- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif also spoke about the UN Report on genocide of Rohingya Muslims and suggested the way forward in this

regard. He also spoke about the protection of minorities specially Ahmedis in Pakistan. The Member further pointed out the insulting remarks about the pashtoons by an analyst in a Programme of ARY. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**

- Senator Haroon Akhtar pointed out the various economic issues and demanded that the Minister for Finance should come and brief the House with facts and figures.
- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik raised a point of public importance regarding Pakistani expatriates in Iranian prisons sentenced to death by the Iran Government. **Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, responded to the issue.**
- Senator Muhammad Akram raised the issue of imposition of ban on circulation of DAWN newspaper in many districts of Balochistan. **The Acting Chairman stated that he will speak to management of DAWN newspaper and try to know the real position.**
- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out a working paper prepared by the Caretaker Finance Minister regarding the reducing the share of provinces in NFC on the pretext of security related expenditures of Federal Government. **The Acting Chairman assured that this House will not allow anything like this to happen and the Chair is with you and with every other member of the House.**
- Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the proposal of the Government to merge the media regulatory authorities. **The Acting Chairman directed the Minister to come in the House and respond the issue.**

- Senator Imamuddin Shoukeen pointed out that the Sindh is not getting its due share in water. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**
- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh raised a point of public importance regarding excessive billing of gas to the commercial consumers. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**
- Senator Sitara Ayaz raised a point of public importance regarding the shortcomings of the Parliament Lodges. She pointed out the construction equipment is scattered in the vicinity. **The Acting Chairman assured that he will take up this issue with CDA.**
- Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi raised a point of public importance regarding the problems of tobacco growers in District Charsadda. Furthermore, the Senator talked about the low pressure of gas in the rural areas. He also raised the issue of protection of landlords in the district.
- Senator Ashok Kumar raised a point of public importance regarding the offloading of hajis belonging to Quetta by PIA at Karachi.
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding lowering of water bed in Balochistan. He also pointed out various problems being faced by the agricultures in Balochistan with particular reference to tomato growers in the country. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report within 15 days.**

- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised a point of public importance and informed the House about the blocking of internet in different parts of Balochistan. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.**
- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik raised various issues of governance.
- Senator Barrister Muhammad Ali Khan Saif raised a point of public importance regarding the problems being faced by politicians and lawyers in banking transactions on the pretext of politically exposed persons. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**
- Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about the upcoming visit of US Foreign Secretary to Pakistan and proposed the course of action which should be adopted by the Government. **The Acting Chairman stated that he will call the Foreign Minister and will also request the Prime Minister to come in the House and explain the matter.**
- Senator Dilawar Khan raised a point of public importance regarding the delay in renewal of arms licenses by NBP on various pretexts. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**
- Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen discussed the coal mine incident in Quetta and various casualties in coal mines all across Balochistan. He requested that Government should take action in supporting the affectees. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**



- Senator Kauda Babar raised pointed out the non-convening of meeting of Policy Board of FBR of which he is also a Member. **The Acting Chairman stated that the matter will be taken up with the Ministry and FBR.**
- Senator Haroon Khan pointed out the proposed increase in price of natural gas. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee for consideration and report.**
- Senator Sitara Ayaz raised a point of public importance regarding describing of various Pashtun tribes as Taliban on different media outlets. **The Minister for Human Rights, Dr. Shireen Mazari, made a statement in this regard.**
- Senator Kalsoom Perveen pointed out the circulation of spurious medicines across Pakistan along with doctors possessing fake degrees due to inefficiencies of regulating authorities.
- Senator Javed Abbasi raised an issue of public importance regarding the lodging of illegal FIR against Senator Shamim Afridi. Senator Javed Abbasi commented that this action against Senator Afridi may result in defamation. **The Acting Chairman deliberated to take up the matter with the IG himself and referred the matter to Standing Committee on Interior.**
- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the misuse of parliamentary tools and suggested to amend the rules accordingly. **The Acting Chairman proposed to the Senator to bring an amendment to the Rules on the floor of the House.**

- Senator Nighat Mirza pointed out the non-availability of telephone facility at new Islamabad Airport. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Aviation.**
- Senator Faisal Javed pointed out the need to establish daycare centers at workplaces to facilitate the female employees.
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding the kidnapping of Haji Abdullah and his brother in Peshawar which was previously raised by him in the House. **The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Interior.**
- Senator Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding the deteriorating condition of offices in the Basement affecting the health of the employees in the Parliament House. **The Acting Chairman stated that the matter will be taken up in Senate House Committee.**
- Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi pointed out the report of FIA according to which 34 military officers are involved in the corruption in project of new Islamabad International Airport. **The Acting Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee on Aviation.**
- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the arrest of a Pakistani citizen in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia due to expiry of his visa. **The Acting Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan pointed out the recent meeting of Chairman National Accountability Bureau with the Prime Minister.

- Senator Usman Khan Kakar raised an issue regarding gunfire by security forces on a peaceful protest against the demands of the security agencies in Waziristan. He also pointed out the low media coverage on the issue. **The Acting Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar also pointed the issue regarding the fruit growers in Balochistan. **Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Committee as well as to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.**

### **POINT OF ORDER**

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out that he has given notice of an adjournment motion in due course but the same has not been fixed on the Orders of the Day despite the fact that the issue highlighted by him is of great public importance and is of current nature as it pertains to the Pak-US relations which is of vital importance especially in the wake of visit of Secretary of State of US in a few days' time. He raised question on the impartiality of the Secretariat while setting down the business on the Orders of the Day.

Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs addressed the concerns of the Member regarding the recent visit of Secretary of State of US and assured that he will seek guidance from the Parliament on the issues to be discussed with him.

## **MINISTERIAL RESPONSE**

Dr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, responded to the issue of security threats to Mian Iftikhar Hussain, General Secretary of ANP, raised by Senator Sitara Ayaz on 28th August, 2018.

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