

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and Day	19 th December, 2018 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	02:05 P.M.
Adjourned at	06:00 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	56
Total Working Hours	02 hours 55 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos.56, 57, 58, 59, 64, 65, 69 and 70 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 63, 66, 67, 68, 71, 74, 75, 76, 79, 80, 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 72, 73 and 77 were deferred on the request of the Member.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Acting Chairman.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo moved a Privilege Motion regarding breach of Privilege of the Member by media trial and mala-fide behavior of NAB and its plan to arrest the mover and his family members on baseless allegations of properties in various districts of the Punjab Province.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
3. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
4. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
5. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan

After hearing the mover, the Honourable Acting Chairman Senate reserved his ruling on the issue.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on behalf of Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, Chairperson Committee on Delegated Legislation presented tenth quarterly report of the Committee for the period from August to October, 2018.

M O T I O N S
[Under Rule 194(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, that the time for presentation of report of the Special Committee on the subject matter of a motion under rule 218, raised by Senator Sherry Rehman on 30th July, 2018, regarding the need of water desalination plants in Pakistan, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 19th December, 2018.
- Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, proposed that since the matter is very serious, therefore, extension for thirty working days will be sufficient.

The motion as amended was put to the House and extension for thirty working days was granted by the House.

- Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 Standing Committee on the subject matter of supplementary question, asked by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak to Starred Question No. 130, regarding Sukkur-Multan (M-5) Motorway, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 21st December, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and carried and the requisite extension was granted.

- 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, that the time for presentation of report of the Special Committee on the subject matter of a motion under rule 218, raised by Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum on 6th July, 2018, regarding the water shortage in the country, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 22nd December, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and carried and the requisite extension was granted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani was to draw attention of the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination towards non-establishment of separate Secretariat of the Council of Common Interest which is a Constitutional requirement. **The Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination, due to her illness, requested for deferment of the Calling Attention Notice. However, on the request of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani and with the consent of Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, the Acting Chairman Senate, referred the Calling Attention Notice to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

- Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Sherry Rehman, Sassui Palijo and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh drew attention of the Minister for Petroleum towards the shortage of gas supply in Balochistan and the recent gas crisis in Sindh.

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Minister for Petroleum, made a statement. Thereafter, the Acting Chairman Senate, referred the Calling Attention Notice to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report within ten days.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani and Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak also spoke on the issue.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Acting Chairman Senate, acknowledged the presence of a group of 50 students along-with faculty members from Khan Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

MOTION OF THANKS

Discussion on the following motion moved by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on 9th November, 2018:-

"This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 17th September, 2018."

Discussion on the motion was deferred.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Pervaiz Rasheed raised a point of public importance regarding non-payment of Honorarium to CDA employees, who performed their duties during the Budget session.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, informed that CDA is under the Ministry of Interior and he will talk to the Minister of State for Interior, to resolve the issue.

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed raised points of public importance regarding electricity load shedding and shortage of Sui-Gas in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, non-payment of net hydel profit on electricity to the Province and NFC Award after the merger of FATA in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and high rate of tax imposed on Tobacco.

- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised points of public importance regarding discontinuation of Prime Minister's Scholarship Programme for the students of Balochistan and violation by the Trading Corporation of Pakistan, of the decision of the Economic Coordination Committee regarding import of fifty percent of Urea through Karachi and fifty percent through Gwadar Port.

The Acting Chairman asked Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, to look into the matters raised and inform the member.

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani raised points of public importance regarding the Pakistan aided dialogue between the United States of America and Taliban and the terms and conditions of the economic packages with Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and China.

- Senator Sherry Rehman raised points of public importance regarding release of Indian spy Hamid Nehal Ansari and fate of another Indian spy Kulbhushan Jadhav, the Pakistan aided dialogue between the United States of America and Taliban in UAE, construction of Shahtoot Dam in Afghanistan which is funded by India.

The Acting Chairman informed that he will speak to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and ask him to come during the current session of the Senate and respond to the points raised. He also asked Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, to kindly contact the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- Senator Aurangzeb Khan raised a point of public importance regarding closure of Aurakzai Agency Bazar by the FC Commandant for security reasons and directing the shopkeepers to install CCTV cameras in the Bazar at their own expenses.

The Acting Chairman asked Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, to consult Senator Aurangzeb Khan and look into the matter raised by him. The Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, assured that he will take up the matter today.

[At 5.13 p.m. the proceeding were suspended for fifteen minutes for Nimaz-e-Maghrib and the House re-assembled at 05:28 p.m.]

- Senator Nighat Mirza raised a point of public importance regarding Pakistanis stranded on Egyptian defaulter ship, for the last five months.

The Acting Chairman asked Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, to look into the matter raised and the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, assured that after getting feedback from the Minister concerned, he will respond by tomorrow.

- Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad raised points of public importance regarding non-supply of gas, shortage of water and delay in payment of Sui-Gas Royalty to the Province of Balochistan and media trial of Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo and his family members by the NAB.

- Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed raised a point of public importance regarding media trial of Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo and his family members by the NAB. He also apprised the House that a five members' delegation of the Senate headed by him attend Parliamentarian Conference for Al-Quds, formation of a Parliamentary Forum on Palestine, Kashmir and Rohingya in the said Conference and particularly election of Senator Sherry Rehman, as member of the Executive Committee of the Forum.

- Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak raised a point of public importance regarding appointment of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee on seniority basis from all the three Armed Forces of Pakistan i.e. Army, Air Force and Navy.

The Acting Chairman advised the Member to take up the matter in the Standing Committee on Defence. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, also spoke on the issue.

- Senator Professor Sajid Mir raised a point of public importance regarding Pakistanis detained in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf countries.

The Acting Chairman asked the Member to provide complete details of the matter to him and he will take up the matter with the Pakistan Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and the Minister.

- Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo raised points of public importance regarding termination of twenty-five labours of District Hafiz Abad, by the Government of Punjab, in violation of Courts Orders, the statement of the Minister of State for Interior regarding alarming condition of use of drugs by the students at schools, in Islamabad, and non-installation of LPG storages at various places of Balochistan.

The Acting Chairman asked Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo to provide him the details of the labours and advised him to raise the matter regarding alarming condition of use of drugs by the students at schools, in Islamabad, through any Parliamentary tool, so that it can be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

The Acting Chairman also asked Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, to bring into the notice of the Minister for Petroleum the matter regarding non-installation of LPG storages at various places of Balochistan. The Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, informed that the Minister for Petroleum or he will inform the House of the status of the issue.

Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen raised a point of public importance regarding anti-encroachment operation in Sindh particularly at Karachi.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, made statement on the points raised by Senators regarding:-

- (i) tax exemption and governance issues in the Tribal Areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.**
- (ii) alarming condition of use of drugs by the students at educational institutions, in Islamabad.**
- (iii) anti-encroachment operations in the country.**

At 06:00 p.m. the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 20th December, 2018, at 02:30 p.m.

**Islamabad,
The 19th December, 2018.**