

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL (281ST SESSION)

Date and Day	28th August, 2018 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	11:00 A.M.
Adjourned at	3:05 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	82
Total Working Hours	4 hours & 5 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 191, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 17 were asked and replied in the house. Replies to Question Nos. 68, 196, 8, 9 and 10 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question No 16 was referred to the concerned Standing Committee. The remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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.

Mr. Babar Awan responded the issue and stated that he will speak to the Chief Minister KPK in this regard.

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, also endorsed the concern shown by Senator Sitara Ayaz. He urged the Government to provide security to the General Secretary ANP as ANP is already under attack of terrorists.

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.

MOTION

[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 Committee 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.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

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.

Mr. Babar Awan, Adviser to Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

REPORT TO BE LAID

Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate 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.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

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.

Mr. Aamir Mehmood Kiyani, Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif regarding the continuous display of abusive and blasphemous material against the Holy Prophet (PBUH) on the Internet.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
3. Senator Khushbakht Shujaat
4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
5. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
6. Senator Nighat Mirza
7. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
8. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad
9. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
10. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar

11. Senator Professor Sajid Mir
12. Senator Imamudin Shoqeen
13. Senator Kamran Michael
14. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
15. Senator Mohsin Aziz
16. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams

After discussion, Mr. Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs wound up the debate.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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.

At 03:05 p.m. the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 29th August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Islamabad,
The 28th August, 2018.