

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	19 th April, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:50 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	67
Total working hours	2 hours and 50 minutes

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Before the start of question hour, the Chairman apprised the Members that the House will meet at 10:00 a.m. on 20th April, 2017 and since the National Assembly is also in session, therefore, the questions pertaining to the Ministry of Communications will be taken up first as the same Minister is also to respond to the questions in the National Assembly.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 98, 109A, 167 to 172, 175 and 176 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 153, 156, 6, 12, 16, 17, 32, 37, 39, 90¹ and 173 were deferred. Replies to Question Nos. 22 and 41 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Remaining questions and their printed replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.²

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

¹ The Chairman directed Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, to issue a notice of breach of Privilege to Secretary Defence due to non-receipt of replies to questions pertaining to the Ministry of Defence.

² The Chairman took serious notice of non-receipt of replies of 9 questions and the absence of three concerned Ministers during the Question Hour. The Chairman further took serious notice of the absence of the concerned Members whose questions are listed and observed that he will evolve a mechanism in this regard so that such absentee members can be penalized.

ACKNOWLEDGEMNT OF PRESENCE

The chair recognized the presence of a group of 8 international wrestlers who are present in Pakistan to promote sports in Pakistan.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The admissibility of following Adjournment Motions was to be determined:-

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh was to move the Adj. Motion No. 1 (11-261/2017-M), to discuss the unjustified over billing to the domestic as well as commercial consumers by MEPCO in order to cover huge losses.

The Adjournment Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

2. Senator Sherry Rehman was to move the Adj. Motion No. 2 (14-261/2017-M), to discuss the lifting of moratorium on new gas connections by the Prime Minister only to the Constituencies of his family members whereas the request of the Government of Sindh for provision of gas connections has been dismissed by the Government.

The Adjournment Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

MOTION

(Under Rule 172A)

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, moved under rule 172A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the House may constitute itself into a Committee of the Whole to develop a strategy that addresses the increasing threat of Water scarcity to the Federation.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, 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 starred question No. 73, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan on 12th January, 2017, regarding the details of income and expenditures of the Pakistan Cricket Board during the last five years, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 25th April, 2017.

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

2. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 Privilege Motion No.01(257)/2016-M, moved by Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah against the Chairman CDA for not implementing the recommendations of the Standing Committee on National Food Security & Research on the matter of proposed conversion of 1400 acres of NARC land by CDA into residential / commercial plots, may be extended for a further period of forty five working days with effect from 25th April, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted. However, the Chairman asked the Chairman Committee to take strict action against the delinquents as it's the matter of breach of privilege of the House. The Chairman assured his full support to the Chairman Committee.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senator Nehal Hashmi on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh drew attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control towards the maltreatment of a female PIA passenger, her sister and daughters while traveling to Oslo, Norway from Benazir Bhutto International Airport, Islamabad by a Lady Officer of FIA and staff on 15-04-2017.

Mr. Muhammad Baleegh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics, made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of. The Chairman directed the Minister to keep the House informed about the developments in the matter.

- Senator Mohsin Aziz was to draw attention of the Minister for Water and Power towards the high electricity tariff for new power projects that will have a very negative impact on the viability of industrial sector as well as on the exports of the country as the tariff is much higher as compared to the regional competitors.

The Calling Attention Notice was deferred due to absence of concerned Minister.

MOTION

(Under Rule 60)

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of answer to starred question No. 12, replied on 7 th March, 2017:-

“Regarding the disagreement of FBR with the case of promoting the pioneer industry of Engineering Sector forwarded by the Government to FBR.”.

Following Members spoke in this regard:

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh
2. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour

Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Jatoi, Minister for Industries and Production and Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Commerce wound up the debate.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Commerce on behalf of Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization moved that the Bill to make provisions for the incorporation, regulation and winding up of limited liability partnerships as body corporate and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto [The Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Minister explained the salient features of the Bill.

Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour on behalf of the Chairman Standing Committee on Finance expressed the point of view of the Committee on the Bill.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

The House started clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Thereafter, Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Commerce, moved that the Bill to make provisions for the incorporation, regulation and winding up of limited liability partnerships as body corporate and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto [The Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2017], be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the discriminatory allocation of posts in the Geological Survey of Pakistan. He further pointed out that the Director General Geological Survey of Pakistan does not attend his office in Quetta and he usually remains present in Islamabad. **The Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned with the direction that the same may be fixed for ministerial response on Friday i.e. 21st April, 2017.**
2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out that the imposition of ban on supply of fertilizers in Balochistan and FATA.

3. Senator Taj Haider pointed out the serious matter of 3500 missing people in the Country. He urged the House to take some initiative to resolve this issue.
4. Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the extensive load Shedding and power crisis in the Country.
5. Senator Sassui Palijo also pointed out the matter of extensive load shedding in Sindh and Punjab. She further spoke about the joining of terrorist organization by one Naureen Leghari through social media and urged the Government to keep a watch on such websites.
6. Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out the posts lying vacant in ZTBL in Balochistan. He further criticized the working of ZTBL in Balochistan and stated that the farmers of Balochistan are not getting any support from ZTBL.
7. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the need of electricity in District Panjgoor Balochistan which is very rich in dates production. He further spoke about the need of installation of a grid station in Tehsil Dagh Esa Chah District Naushkee Balochistan.
8. Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi pointed out the delay in completion of two projects of Water and Power in Jhal Magsi due to non-releasing of funds by the Federal Government i.e. Pat Feeder Canal extension and RBOD-3

The Chairman directed the member to move a Calling Attention Notice.

9. Senator Nehal Hashmi pointed out the matter of lack of nutrition in Thar for which the State is collectively responsible.
10. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the worse condition of PIMS Hospital Emergency unit, Islamabad. He criticized the Government on spending of the money on State advertisements. He further pointed out the incident of killing of Mishaal Khan a student of AWKU Mardan and urged the Government to refer his case to Military Court to set an example.
11. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir pointed out the non-payment of salaries to the technicians in Poly Clinic Federal Hospital Islamabad.

The Chairman directed that the verbatim be sent to the Ministry once again.

- The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on 20th April, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Islamabad, the

19th April, 2017