



RULING OF THE CHAIR

POINT OF ORDER REGARDING ABSENCE OF CONCERNED MINISTER

During sitting of the Senate held on 8th May, 2015, the Chairman deferred a calling attention notice on request of the Minister for which Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi raised a point of order stating that this practice should not be encouraged in the Parliament and it is violation of the rules.

The Chairman ruled as under:-

“In normal circumstances, I will not and have not and shall not follow the dictates of the Ministers but in this particular case there were two factors which are before me. One is the request from the Hon’ble Leader of the House, who always stretches himself to the extreme to accommodate and facilitate the parliamentary business, so therefore, I have his considerations. The second consideration was the Minister himself who is the Minister of State (MOS) for Parliamentary Affairs. You will agree with me, he is the work horse of the Cabinet as far as the Houses are concerned and he fell unwell yesterday and has again said that he is not well today. So in the deference to the work horse and the personality of MOS, I have requested the Hon’ble Senator to agree to the deferment to which she agreed but your point is well taken.”

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Chairman Senate

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