

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	17 th January, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	10:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:10 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	53
Total working hours	3 hours & 10 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

14 questions were replied in the House whereas 6 questions were deferred. The remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.

Due to the misleading reply to question No. 119 by the Aviation Division, the Chairman issued notice for the breach of privilege to the Secretary Aviation Division and the officer who drafted the question.

On question Number 128 the Chairman observed that the top management of PIA is getting very lacerative salaries whereas the lowers staff is not being paid with their regular allowances and salaries.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The admissibility of the following adjournment motions was determined in the House:-

1. The adjournment motion to discuss the plea bargain / voluntary return deal made by NAB with Mr. Mushtaq Raisani, Ex-Finance Secretary, Balochistan, from whom millions of Rupees were recovered, notice given of by Senator Hafiz Hamadullah.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the motion out of order under rule 87(d).

2. The adjournment motion to discuss the issuance of special hunting permits to the Qatri Princes for hunting of Houbara Bustard, illegal occupation of the lands of the locals by the representative deputed by the Federal Government to provide security to the princes and constant harassment to the local community by damaging their crops and excessive hunting of precious and rare birds, notice given of by Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Hassani and others.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the motion out of order due to the reason that a Calling Attention Notice of the same members on the same issue has already been admitted and two instruments cannot be allowed for raising of the same issue.

3. The adjournment motion to discuss the decision of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) to extend the imposition of ten paisa per unit surcharge for another one and half year for Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project, notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh

The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

The following reports of the Standing Committees were presented in the House:-

1. **Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented 12th follow up report of the Committee regarding proposed “conversion of 1400 acres land of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) / Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) into residential/commercial plots”.

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 194(1) FOR EXTENSION IN TIME TO PRESENT REPORTS

Following Motions for extension in time were moved in the House:-

1. Senator Nisar Muhamamd, Convener, Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the period for presentation of report of the Special Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah regarding the violation of Fundamental Rights of Transgender Community in the Country, their exploitation and to suggest required legislative measures to give right

place to such segments in the society, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 22nd January, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

2. Senator Ch. Tanvir Khan on behalf of Senator Maulana Tanveer-Ul-Haq Thanvi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, 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 starred question No.109, asked by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, on 25th November, 2016, regarding the Bhara Kahu Housing Scheme for Government Employees, be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 25th January, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House:-

- **Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah**, drew attention of the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs towards the statement of the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs that the case of Dr. Shakeel Afridi is pending in the courts otherwise Government is willing to proceed further in the matter.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

- **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**, drew attention of the Minister for Housing and Works towards the out of turn allotment of plots by the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation (FGEHF) to sixty officers of the Islamabad Police and the District Administration which caused Rs. 389 million loss to the national exchequer as the Housing Foundation compensated them under the professional quota instead of allotting them the plots from their respective cadres.

Mr. Akram Khan Durrani, Minister for Housing and Works, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved that the Bill to provide for prohibition of holding property in benami [The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Bill, 2016], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

Following Members spoke on the Bill: -

1. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice.
2. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of the Chairman Standing Committee on Finance.
3. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan (Leader of the Opposition).
4. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, moved the following amendment in sub-clause (3) of Clause 1 of the Bill:-

“That sub-clause (3) of clause 1 of the Bill shall be substituted as under:-

“It shall come into force at once” of the Bill”.

Amendment was put to the House which was voted upon and the amendment was carried by 18 votes to 16.

Thereafter, the Bill as amended was passed unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

The House acknowledged the presence of 19 Officers of Training institute of National Savings Islamabad along with the Principal of the Institute, who were present in the visitors' gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources made statement on the point of shortage of gas in snow affected areas of Balochistan raised on 16th January, 2017.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh, on 12th January, 2017, regarding the new amnesty scheme under consideration of the Government.

Following members spoke: -

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice wound up the debate.

The Motion was thus talked out.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujaat pointed out the incident of committing of suicide by a student of 7th class by falling in love with his teacher. She stated that such incidents reflect the decline in ethics in the society as a whole.
2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the provisional order issued by the Federal Government asking the business community of provinces to deposit the taxes amount in the offices of FBR situated outside their respective provinces.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about overall un-employment in the country and about the non-observance of Balochistan quota in employments and non-advertisements of many vacancies lying vacant in the federal government departments.
4. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah spoke about the overall decline in ethical standards and use of narcotics in educational institutions. He further pointed out the use of liquor in the parliament lodges which is very shameful.
5. Senator Farhatullah Babar appreciated the voting by Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahudin Tirmizi as per his conscious against the party direction while voting on The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Bill, 2016.
6. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati spoke about the sale/purchase of human organs in Rawalpindi/Islamabad. He also urged the NDMA to provide helicopter service in the snow affected areas in Chitral.
7. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi spoke about the incidents of abductions of liberal people of the society which is against the basic concept of creation of the State and is a stigma on the face of the Nation.

8. Senator Nehal Hashmi urged that the Government should monitor the advertisement policy in print and electronic media and the matter should be discussed in the Committee of the Whole.
 9. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan expressed his views about the points raised by Members.
 10. Senator Shahi Syed condemned the general trend of lying in the society and also stated that the people are not willing to work honestly which is also a reason of unemployment.
 11. Senator Mushahid Hussian Syed paid tribute to late Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed, a legend cricketer of Pakistan and urged the Government that a cricket stadium should be named after him.
- The House was adjourned to meet again on Wednesday the 18th January, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

17th January, 2017