

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	11 th January, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	02:33 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:29 p.m.
Presided by	Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri Deputy Chairman (during the question hour) & Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan (for the rest of the proceedings of the House)
Attendance	73
Total working hours	2 Hours and 56 Minutes

QUESTION HOUR

8 questions were replied in the House whereas replies to 4 questions were treated as laid on the table of the House, due to absence of concerned Members. Three questions were deferred. The remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Sr. No.	Subject matter of the adjournment motion	Name(s) of the Mover(s)	Concerned Ministry	Ruling of the Chairman
1.	The implications of the transfer of the administrative control of five regulatory bodies to their line ministries.	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh		The Motion was held out of order as the matter has already been discussed in the House.
2.	The study report of a famous American Scientist pertaining to the statistics of Plane crashes happened during the period from 1985 to 2014 according to which PIA was declared as the most unsafe Airline of the World.	Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah		The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

3.	The issue of adulteration of different chemicals in the packed milk available in the country, specially the chemical used to preserve the dead bodies.	Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Mushahid Hussain Syed and Mohsin Aziz		The Motion was held out of order as it is a provincial issue. The Chair suggested the Member to use motion under rule 218.
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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF

Sr. No.	Name of the Committee	Report presented by	Subject matter of the report	Direction of the Chairman
1.	Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization	Senator Saleem Mandviwalla	Report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for prohibition of holding property in benami [The Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Bill, 2016].	Report stands laid.

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Member	Nature of Motion	Rulings of the Chair
		For extension of time	
1.	Senator Abdul Rehman Malik	The period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to make provisions for prohibition of corporal punishment against children [The Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, 2016] introduced by Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, on 29th February, 2016, may be extended for a further period of fourteen working days with effect from 11th January, 2017.	The Motion was carried and requisite extension for 14 working days was granted.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Defence, made a brief statement in response to observations made by the Chairman on 9th January, 2017 about acceptance of any position by former Chief of Army Staff General Raheel Shareef in Saudi lead coalition of armed force of Muslim States.

He briefed the House regarding the rules and laws of Ministry of Defence on acceptance of any post by former Chief of Army Staff. He said that an NOC is required by retired army personnel from Ministry of Defence to obtain any posts in any Government institution and there has been no law for obtaining any foreign posts. He further added that former Chief of Army Staff has not approached the Ministry of Defence for this purpose.

The chair asked Minister for Defence, if Former Army Chief had approached his parent institution for an NOC and if Ministry will look in the matter to amend its rules and make a policy for retired personnel seeking posts outside the Country.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif replied that the Former Army Chief has not sought any permission for clearance from GHQ and Ministry of Defence. Honorable Minister assured the House that the ministry will look in the matter to amend its rules and make policy for obtaining posts outside the Country.

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs made no statement.

The following members spoke on this matter:

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar
2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
3. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour
4. Senator Mohsin Aziz
5. Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions
6. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams
7. Senator Taj Haider

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

- **Senators Dr. Ashok Kumar, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi**, to draw attention of the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources towards the low pressure of gas in various areas of district Qallat, Balochistan due to which the people of the area are forced to cut down the trees from the Arboi forest, Qallat.

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources made the statement and the notice was disposed of.

The Chairman referred the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice to the Standing Committee concerned with the direction to report back in 45 days.

- **Senator Mohsin Aziz**, to draw attention of the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division towards the dilapidated condition of Bacha Khan International Airport, Peshawar, which has recently been declared as one of the worst Airports in Asia.

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made the statement and the notice was disposed of.

The Chairman ruled that a Special Committee be formed comprising all the Members belonging to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who will examine the existing condition of the Airport and the requirement of expansion work at the Airport.

The Chairman directed that Motion for constitution of Special Committee be set down in the Orders of the Day.

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. 83, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, replied on 22nd December, 2016: -

“regarding the tests conducted by NTS for appointments against various posts in Utility Stores Corporation, advertised in 2015 and 2016.”.

Following members spoke:

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar

4. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
6. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
7. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
8. Senator Rubina Khalid
9. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
10. Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Khan Jatoi, minister for Industries and production

The Motion was Talked Out

REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister-In-Charge of the Cabinet Secretariat, laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the National Economic Council for the Financial Year 2014-15, as required under clause (5) of Article 156 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Chairman ruled that discussion on the report will be made on 12th January, 2017. The Chairman further ruled that discussion on the reports of CCI, NFC Award, Board of Directors of SBP and Report of the Commission on Status of Women shall also be discussed during the current session.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

Secretary Senate made the following announcements:-

- Announcement regarding non-passing of two Private Members' Bills passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly i.e. The Torture, Custodial Death and Custodial Rape (Prevention and Punishment) Bill, 2015 (Moved by Senator Farhatullah Babar) and The Un-attended Orphan (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2016 (Moved by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja)
- Announcement regarding the Public Petitions.

The Chairman drew attention of the Leader of the House towards the trend of non-passing of Bills passed by the Senate by the National Assembly which is astonishing as the Bills which have no link with any party line are also being thrown away by N.A. The Chairman urged the Leader of the House to apprise the Law Minister about this fact and the concern of the Senate in this regard.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

Sr. No.	Name of the Member(s)	The issue in brief	Direction of the Chairman, if any
1.	Senator Mian Muhammad Atteq Sheikh	Pointed out the adulteration in petrol by the petrol pumps.	
2.	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Urged the Government to take on board all stakeholders before finalizing the FATA Reforms package	
3.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel	Pointed out the importance of forests and urged that the Federal Govt. should help the province of Balochistan in preservation of the forests in the province.	
4.	Senator Sitara ayaz	Pointed that the coins of paisa denominations are no more in existence but whenever the Govt. reduce/increase the prices of petroleum products it is done so in the paisa denominations which is very strange.	
5.	Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhel	Pointed out the low capacity power transmission lines in Balochistan.	
6.	Senator Nehal Hashmi	Pointed towards the vulgarity in the advertisements advertised on television. Govt. should make a policy so that Islamic traditions must be observed while making such advertisements.	
7.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Pointed out the trend of importing every sort of goods from China which has shut down	

		the local industry which is an alarming situation.	
8.	Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini	Pointed out that according to NADRA only 43% people are registered in Balochistan so the before the population Census the Govt. should make arrangements for registration of full population of Balochistan.	
9.	Senator Farhatullah Babar	Pointed out the expiry of term of Military Courts and urged the Govt. to look into the procedures adopted by Military Court while sentencing the criminals.	The Chairman observed that there is a contradiction of terms as the Govt. is of the stance that terrorism has been curtailed and if so there is no need to extend the term of Military Courts.

Chairman made announcements regarding the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Student Unions issue with particular focus on 1993 SCMR 1781. The Chair also announced the meeting schedule of the Head of the State Counsel of Oman.

- The House was adjourned to meet again on Thursday the 12th January, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

11th January, 2017