

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(304TH SESSION)

Date and Day	16th October, 2020 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:48 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:02 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	50
Total Working Hours	02 hours and 14 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 304th SESSION

1. Senator Lt. General Abdul Qayyum HI (M) Retd.
2. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi
3. Senator Sitara Ayaz

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the following:-

- i. Molana Dr. Adil Khan murdered in Karachi.
- ii. Armed forces personnel martyred in Waziristan, Balochistan, LoC and Pak-Afghan border.
- iii. Mr. Rashid Rabbani, former Senator and Special Assistant to Chief Minister Sindh.
- iv. Fateha was also offered for the departed soul of first Prime Minister of Pakistan Sardar Liaquat Ali Khan on the eve of his death anniversary i.e. 16th October, 1951.

After offering of Fateha, Leader of the Opposition stated that keeping in view the recent wave of terrorism in the country in which law enforcement agencies are being specifically targeted and the situation of LoC and Western Border, the Minister for Defence may be asked to come in the House and made statement on the latest situation.

Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs endorsed the suggestion and assured that the Minister for Defence will be asked to come in the House to apprise the House in this regard.

The Adviser further spoke about the Indian narrative of maligning the armed forces of Pakistan which is an attempt to divert the attention of world community from sheer violations of Human Rights in India and in IOK.

Senator Atta Ur Rehman demanded a detailed report on the incident of assassination of Molana Adil in Karachi. **Chairman directed to seek report of the incident.**

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS

Following condolence Resolutions were moved in the House:-

1. Senator Rubina Khalid moved Condolence resolution on sad demise of former Senator Syed Qurban Ali Shah who was elected as Member of the first Senate of Pakistan in 1973 to 1975 from the Province of Sindh on the ticket of PPP.
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved condolence resolution on sad demise of former Senator Hazrat Pir Khwaja Hameed-ud-din Sialvi who was elected as member Senate of Pakistan on the ticket of PML from March 1988 to March 1994.

Both the resolutions were put to the House and adopted. The Chairman directed to send the condolence resolutions to the bereaved families.

QUESTIONS

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, presented report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik on 28th August, 2018, regarding character assassination of PPP leaders on electronic media.
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on behalf of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the prevention of begging, detention, training and employment of beggars and their dependents in Certified Institutions and the custody, trial and punishment of beggar offenders [The Islamabad Prevention of Beggary Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 6th January, 2020.
3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on behalf of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 17th February, 2020.
4. Senator Walid Iqbal on behalf of Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, presented report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan on 13th January, 2020, regarding bleak future of the employees of ERRA.

5. Senator Walid Iqbal on behalf of Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services Act, 2008 [The Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (Amendment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Sassui Palijo on 10th February, 2020.
6. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Aviation, presented report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi on 4th March, 2020, regarding imposition of different taxes on air tickets.
7. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 13th January, 2020, regarding mushroom growth of unauthorized private clinics and hospitals in Islamabad.
8. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro on 3rd February, 2020, regarding ban on Diploma Certificate for the nurses resulting in shortage of Paramedical Staff in the country.S
9. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 58, asked by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani on 14th January, 2020, regarding the percentage/coverage of immunization/ vaccination of children under the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the country at present.
10. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Insertion of Article 253A)], introduced by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 2nd September, 2019.
11. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 [The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senators Kauda Babar and Manzoor Ahmed on 17th February, 2020.
12. Senator Kauda Babar on behalf of Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, Chairman, Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No.313, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh on 4th February, 2020, regarding details of Industries which fall under the category of Large Scale Manufacturing (LSM) Industry/Sector.

13. Senator Mir Kabeer Muhammad Shahi on behalf of Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, Chairman, Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No.316, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh on 4th February, 2020, regarding allocations made for implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during the last three years.
14. Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, presented report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak on 4th March, 2020, regarding exact figure of circular debt.

MOTION
[Under Rule 196(1)]

Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the special report of the Committee on various problems being faced by the renewable energy projects in the country and actual percentage of line losses/theft of the DISCOs, presented to the House on 16th September, 2020, be considered and adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and report was adopted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on his behalf and behalf of Senators Sassui Palijo, Nuzhat Sadiq and Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, towards the recent increase in the prices of medicines.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice which was disposed of.

REPORTS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

1. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of Dr. Fehmida Mirza, Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination, laid before the Senate the Annual Reports of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) for the Financial Years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 as required under clause (4) of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.
The Reports stood laid.
2. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of Dr. Fehmida Mirza, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, to lay before the Senate the appropriation accounts for the Financial Year 2018-19 and regularity/special/study performance audit reports of the Auditor General for the Audit Year 2019-20, as required by Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Reports stood laid.

PLACEMENT OF AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS

[Under Standing Order No.4.3]

Following amendment in the Standing Order No. 1.64(g) was placed before the House as required by Standing Order NO. 4.3:-

Existing Standing Order No. 1.64 (g)	Proposed change in Standing Order No. 1.64 (g)
(g) Chamber Attendants performing duties in the House: White shalwar kameez, burgundy sherwani, white turban with Senate Emblem.”	(g) Chamber Attendants performing duties in the House: White shalwar kameez and burgundy waist coat with Senate Emblem.”

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan spoke about malafide behind summoning of sessions of both the Houses of the Parliament on a date when the Opposition had already announced a public gathering at Gujranwala. He further spoke about the bad governance and the problems being faced by general public due to increase in consumer goods and day to day use products.

Following Members also spoke on the issue:

1. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.
2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
3. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, LOH.

At 01:02 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 19th October, 2020, at 10:30 a.m. which was subsequently changed to 4:00 p.m. in terms of sub-rule (2) of Rule 23 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

Islamabad,
the 16th of October, 2020.