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The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Hall (Parliament House) Islamabad, at thirty minutes past eleven in the morning with Mr. Chairman (Syed Nayer Hussain Bokhari) in the Chair.

Recitation from the Holy Quran

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ-

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ-

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا يَسْخَرُ قَوْمٌ مِنْ قَوْمٍ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُونُوا خَيْرًا
مِّنْهُمْ وَلَا نِسَاءٌ مِنْ نِّسَاءٍ عَسَىٰ أَنْ يَكُنَّ خَيْرًا مِّنْهُنَّ وَلَا
تَلْبِزُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَلَا تَنَابَزُوا بِاللِّقَابِ بِئْسَ الْأَسْمُ الْفُسُوقُ بَعْدَ
الْإِيمَانِ ۗ وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَتُبْ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ ﴿١١١﴾ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ
آمَنُوا اجْتَنِبُوا كَثِيرًا مِّنَ الظَّنِّ إِنَّ بَعْضَ الظَّنِّ إِثْمٌ وَلَا
تَجَسَّسُوا وَلَا يَغْتَبَ بَعْضُكُمْ بَعْضًا ۗ يُحِبُّ أَحَدُكُمْ أَنْ يَأْكُلَ لَحْمَ
أَخِيهِ مَيْتًا فَكْرِهْتُمْ أَوْ لَا تَقْبَلُوا اللَّهَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَوَّابٌ رَّحِيمٌ ﴿١١٢﴾

ترجمہ:- اے ایمان والو! مرد دوسرے مردوں کا مذاق نہ اڑائیں ممکن ہے کہ یہ ان سے بہتر ہو اور نہ عورتیں عورتوں کا مذاق اڑائیں ممکن ہے کہ یہ ان سے بہتر ہوں، اور آپس میں ایک دوسرے کو عیب نہ لگاؤ اور نہ کسی کو برے لقب دو۔ ایمان کے بعد فسق برانام ہے، اور جو توبہ نہ کریں وہی ظالم لوگ ہیں۔ اے ایمان

والو! بہت بدگمانیوں سے بچو یقین مانو کہ بعض بدگمانیاں گناہ ہیں۔ اور بھید نہ
 ٹٹولا کرو اور نہ تم میں سے کوئی کسی کی غیبت کرے۔ کیا تم میں سے کوئی بھی
 اپنے مردہ بھائی کا گوشت کھانا پسند کرتا ہے؟ تم کو اس سے کھن آئے گی، اور اللہ
 سے ڈرتے رہو، بیشک اللہ توبہ قبول کرنے والا مہربان ہے۔
 (سورۃ الحجرات: آیات 11 تا 12)

Questions and Answers

Mr. Chairman: بسم اللہ الرحمن الرحیم We may now take up
 Questions. Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.

مشہدی صاحب موجود نہیں ہیں، آرہے ہیں۔ شاہد خاقان عباسی صاحب!
 Just received the request from the Minister for Overseas.
 Leader of the House پر یہاں بھی موجود نہیں ہیں۔

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi (Minister for Petroleum and
 Natural Resources): Sir, I will answer on his behalf.

Mr. Chairman: That's ok, it's fine now. Colonel sahib, it
 is your question. Question No. 82. Col.(R) Syed Tahir Hussain
 Mashhadi.

82. *Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:
 Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource
 Development be pleased to state:

- (a) the initial amount of contribution made by the
 Government to the Workers Welfare Fund; and
- (b) the steps being taken by the Federal Government for
 further contribution in the Workers Welfare Fund
 alongwith its details?

Pir Syed Sadaruddin Shah Rashidi (Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development): (a) An initial contribution of Rs.100 million was made by the Federal Government to Workers Welfare Fund at the time of its establishment in 1971.

(b) Since WWF generates funds at its own, therefore, there are no steps under consideration of the Government for further contribution.

Mr. Chairman: Any supplementary? Yes, Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.

Senator Col.(R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. Sir, the answer has been given that only a 100 million was initially made by the government but I would like to know is that the Workers Welfare Fund, if the honourable Minister could kindly make us apprise on it. Has it been handed over to the Provinces after the 18th Amendment or is it still held by them in the Federal Government and if so why? What is the actual amount held by them now and how it has been utilized?

Mr. Chairman: Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi.

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi: The Workers Welfare Fund was established with a Hundred Million Rupees grant by the Federal Government. As of today, they have two sources of income. One is 2% of assessable income exceeding Rs.500,000/- in an accounting year of Industrial establishment in the private sector and the other is the left over amounts under the Companies Profit Worker Participation Act 1968, up till now they have collected 176 billion rupees. So, it is quite a large fund started at 100 million rupees and today is 176 billion rupees. At the Provincial level there

are Worker Welfare Boards that are working under the Provincial Government. This is a Federal entity.

Mr. Chairman: Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah.

Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah: Sir would the Honourable Minister be pleased to state that what are the compelling reasons set after 1971 as there was no contribution by the Government to the Workers Welfare Fund, it is No.1.

No.2. That in the part (b) of the question, the steps being taken by the Federal Government for further contribution in the Workers Welfare Fund, this has not been elaborated upon that what further steps if any have been taken by the government in relation to increasing the contributions to the Workers Welfare Fund. In fact, there is no elaboration whatsoever in relation to part (b) of the question sir. So, sir, my question is that why has the government not made any contribution since 1971 and for further contribution what meaningful measures have been taken by the Government. Thank you.

Point of Order Regarding Lack of Quorum.

سینیٹر سعید غنی: جناب چیئرمین! کورم پورا نہیں ہے۔

Mr. Chairman: Thank you. Shah Sahib the quorum has been pointed out and under Rule 5 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of the Business, bells be rung for five minutes.

(Bells were rung)

Mr. Chairman: Count to be made. House still is not in quorum and the proceeding is suspended for thirty minutes.

[Then the House was suspended for 30 minutes]

[After the break, the House was reassembled with Mr. Chairman (Syed Nayer Hussain Bokhari) in the Chair]

Mr. Chairman: Shahid Khaqan Abbasi sahib had to respond to a supplementary question of Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.

(Pause)

Mr. Chairman: Before proceeding with the questions, we have to follow the rules also. As the quorum was earlier pointed out and the proceedings were suspended for thirty minutes, so, we have to see whether the quorum is available or not. Count be made.

(At this stage count was made)

Mr. Chairman: As the quorum is not available, I will read out the prorogation order now.

سینیٹر محمد طلحہ محمود: جناب! کافی سارے سوالات ہیں، ان کے متعلق کیا حکم ہے؟

Mr. Chairman: All remaining *questions are being deferred for the next rota day. I will now read out the prorogation order received from the President:

"In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 1 of Article 54 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I hereby prorogue the Senate session on the conclusion of its business on 8th November, 2013."

Sd/-

(Mamnoon Hussain)

President

[The House was prorogued sine die]

* Remaining questions were deferred for next rota day.