

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(287<sup>th</sup> SESSION)**

Date and Day	6 <sup>h</sup> March, 2019 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	7:45 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	69
Total Working Hours	4 hours and 45 min

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**QUESTION HOUR**

Question Nos. 127, 130, 137, 143-A, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113 and 114 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 133 and 143 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Remaining Questions and their replies were laid on the Table of the House.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE**

- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 34 students and 04 faculty members from Leads College Jalal Pur Jattan, Gujrat to witness the proceedings of the House.

**MINISTERIAL RESPONSE**

- Dr. Shireen M. Mazari, Minister for Human Rights gave a statement before the House regarding the steps taken by the Government on the death of Pakistani prisoner Shakirullah against Indian authorities.
- Senators Farooq Hamid Naek and Mushahid Ullah Khan also spoke on the issue.

**ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

- Senator Sherry Rehman moved an adjournment motion moved regarding an attempt to enter in Pakistan's territorial water by Indian submarine on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at night.

**The Adjournment motion was admitted for discussion as the last item.**

## **PRESENTATION OF REPORT**

- Senator Kalsoom Perveen, Convener, Special Committee on Causes of Decline in Tax Collection of Tobacco Sector presented the report of the Committee and briefed the House regarding its salient features.

## **MOTIONS** **[Under Rule 194 (1)]**

- Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro on 5th October, 2018, regarding stoppage of funds for National Institute of Blood Diseases and for poor leukemia patients, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**The Motion was put to the House and carried and the requisite extension was granted.**

- Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, 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. 15, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, regarding core responsibilities and jurisdiction of ERRRA, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th March, March, 2019.

**The Motion was put to the House and carried and the requisite extension was granted.**

## **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

- **Senators Kalsoom Perveen, Moula Bux Chandio and Sassui Palijo** drew attention of the Minister for Petroleum towards the recent increase in the prices of natural gas and the overbilling carried out by the Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and the Sui Southern Gas Company Limited.

**Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Minister for Petroleum made a statement thereafter the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of by the Chairman.**

- **Senator Muhammad Ayub** drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the non-payment of Rs.100 billion to the merged areas of FATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as announced by the Government in the form of uplift package for tribal districts.

**Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue made a statement thereafter the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of by the Chairman.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

- **Senator Muhammad Farogh Naseem**, Minister for Law and Justice moved that the Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 [The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

**The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned.**

**DISCUSSION ON ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

- The House started discussion on an admitted adjournment motion regarding an attempt to enter in Pakistan's territorial water by Indian submarine on 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at night.

The following members spoke on the motion

1. Senator Sherry Rehman,
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi,
3. Senator Sassui Palijo,
4. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
5. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi
6. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed
7. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum

[At 6:20 p.m. the House was adjourned on account of Magheb prayers and reassembled at 6:45 p.m.]

8. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
9. Senator Atta Ur Rehman
10. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.

**Mr. Pervez Khattak, Minister for Defence made a statement and the Adjournment Motion was talked out.**

**POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:**

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding the losses in Balochistan due to heavy rains and snowfall.

**The Chairman directed to seek report from NDMA regarding this issue.**

- Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi raised a point of public importance regarding the delay in establishment of Divisional Benches of High Court in Punjab and suffering of people due to delay in provision of justice.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi raised a matter of public importance regarding the high charges at private medical hospitals and poor conditions at public hospitals.

**The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned.**

- Senator Keshoo Bai raised a point of public importance regarding the conducting of matric examination on the same day as Holi (a Hindu religious festival).
- Dr. Sikandar Mandhro raised a matter of public importance regarding the continuous destruction of Indus Delta. Senator Sassui Palijo also spoke the same matter.

**The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology.**

- Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati raised the following points of public importance:
  1. Stoppage of construction and development of housing societies in agricultural areas.
  2. Stoppage of usage of plastic bags.
  3. Ban on plantation of eucalyptus trees in nurseries.

**The Chairman referred all these matters to the Standing Committee on Inter-provincial Coordination.**

- Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum raised a point of public importance regarding delay in the appointments of members of the Election Commission of Pakistan.

**At 07:45pm the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,  
the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.**