

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

(285TH SESSION)

Date and Day	20 th December, 2018 (Thursday)
Commenced at	02:33 P.M.
Adjourned at	05:17 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	55
Total Working Hours	02 hours 44 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 2 (Def.), 31 (Def.), 32 (Def.), 102, 104, 105 and 106 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 5 (Def.), 6 (Def.), 7 (Def.), 8 (Def.), 10 (Def.), 11 (Def.), 12 (Def.), 15 (Def.), 21 (Def.), 24 (Def.), 25(Def.), 28 (Def.), 30 (Def.), 33 (Def.), 34 (Def.), 35 (Def.), 88, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 101 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question No. 32 (Def.) was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report. The remaining printed questions and their replies placed on the Table of the House were taken as read.

MOTION (Under Rule 172F)

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, moved under rule 172F of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the House may authorize the Chairman Senate to make nominations of six Members of the Senate of Pakistan to the Public Accounts Committee, in consultation with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate. The Chairman may also be authorized to make changes in the nominations, as and when required.

The Motion was put to the House and carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Acting Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 40 Members of Youth Parliament, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Acting Chairman.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement on a point of public importance raised by Senator Nighat Mirza on 19th December, 2018, regarding Pakistanis stranded on Egyptian defaulter ship, for the last five months. He informed the House that the PM Grievances Wing, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, has taken notice of the issue and has written letters to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development. Further, it was raised in the Cabinet meeting held today i.e. on 20th December, 2018, the Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs brief the Cabinet and the Government is trying to rescue them.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

The Acting Chairman referred the Privilege Motion moved by Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo, on 19th December, 2018, regarding breach of the Privilege of the Member by media trial and mala-fide behavior of NAB, to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Faisal Javed on behalf of Senator Robina Khalid, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 30th August, 2018, regarding closure of internet services in District Kalat and non-availability of telecommunication services in various parts of Balochistan.

MOTION

[Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, 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 Imamuddin Shouqeen on 14th December, 2018, regarding suspension of supply of gas in Sindh, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 19th December, 2018.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senators Sitara Ayaz and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh were to draw attention of the Minister for Commerce towards the reduction in exports, specially of jaggery, to Afghanistan due to the closure of Afghan border which is affecting the exporters and poor farmers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. **However, the Calling Attention Notice was dropped due to absence of the Members.**
- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani drew attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards the statement of Indian Foreign Minister, wherein he stated that Kartarpur is not the way to dialogue between Pakistan and India.

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

REPORT TO BE LAID

Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, was to lay before the Senate, the Federal Accounts for the Financial Year 2016-17 and the reports of Auditor General thereon for the Audit Year 2017-18, as required under Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973. **However, due to absence of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laying of the report was deferred.**

MOTION OF THANKS

Discussion on the following motion moved by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on 9th November, 2018:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 17th September, 2018.”

Discussion on the motion was deferred.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Muhammad Akram raised a point of public importance regarding the issue of closure of link roads between the villages of the fishermen and the sea due to construction of Express-way and non-construction of a tunnel to cross the Express-way, in Gwadar.

The Acting Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee on Communication for consideration and report.

- Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad raised a point of public importance regarding the issue of missing persons in Provinces of Balochistan and Sindh.

The Acting Chairman informed that on the request of the Honourable Senator he has already taken up the issue with the IG Sindh and suggested the Senator to wait for response from the IG till tomorrow.

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed raised a point of public importance regarding the issues of Gadoon Industrial Estate and shortage of drinking water as well as for agriculture due to diversion of river water through Ghazi-Brotha canal in District Swabi.

The Acting Chairman referred the issues of Gadoon Industrial Estate to the Standing Committee on Industries for consideration and report.

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised points of public importance regarding the ECL policy of the Government, inclusion of the names of two Parliamentarians namely Mr. Mohsin Dawar and Mr. Ali Wazir in the list and the issue of ban on entrance of people from one Province into the other Provinces and depriving them of the right of freedom of speech, movement, association and assembly.

- Senator Sherry Rehman also raised the issue of inclusion of the names of Mr. Mohsin Dawar and Mr. Ali Wazir in the ECL/Stop list.

The Acting Chairman informed the House that both the Parliamentarian are not the members of the Senate, the matter pertains to the other House. Further, the issue of Stop list was brought into his notice last month, which was referred to the Committee.

- Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed complimented the Acting Chairman Senate, for defending the privilege of the Members, by writing a letter for compliance of the Senate Rules by the investigation agencies.
- Senator Sherry Rehman raised a point of public importance regarding non-responsive behaviour of CEO, PIA, non-reservation of seats in waiting list for the Members of the Parliament by the PIA and shutting down of the offices of Peoples Unity by the PIA Administration.
Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan and Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak also spoke on the issue.
- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani also raised the issues of shutting down of the offices of Peoples Unity by the PIA Administration and enforcement of Essential Services Act, in PIA and demanded to withdraw the said Law forthwith and restore the trade unions.

The Acting Chairman asked Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, to look into the issues of PIA raised by the Members. The Leader of the House, informed that after getting the relevant information from Senator Mian Raza Rabbani he will take up the issues with the quarters concerned.

At 05:17 p.m. the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 21st December, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

**Islamabad,
The 20th December, 2018.**