

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(295th SESSION)

Date and Day	31 st January, 2020 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:00 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	62
Total Working Hours	2 hours and 30 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTIONS

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given. The questions remained unanswered were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

During question hour, the Chairman directed the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training to make a policy statement in the House at some time about the steps taken by the Government to ensure uniform education system in the country.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Rubina Khalid, Convener, Senate Special Committee on Child Protection, 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 Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Rubina Khalid, regarding an incident of child abuse that took place in District Mansehra, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 7th February, 2020.

The motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES – PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 [The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019], introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior on 3rd September, 2019.
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill to provide for an efficacious and speedy mechanism for issuance of Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates [The Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Bill, 2020].

Following Members spoke on the Report:

1. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs
3. Senator Rubina Khalid
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the Soldiers martyred in North Waziristan and two polio vaccinators/Lady Health Workers killed in Swabi while performing their duty.

At this stage, Senator Mushtaq Ahmad requested the Chair that the Government may be directed to announce Shuhada package for the deceased lady health workers.

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs endorsed the suggestion. The Chairman asked the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to issue necessary direction to the Chief Secretary KPK in this regard.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 157(2)]

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, moved that the Senate may discuss the Annual Report on the

state of the Economy which includes the review of fourth quarter on the State of the Economy for the year 2018-19, laid on the Table of the House on 1st January, 2020.

The Chairman stated that the discussion will start from Tuesday, the 4th February, 2020. The Members desirous to speak may convey their names to the Secretariat.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Mr. Zamurd Achakzai, Provincial Minister Balochistan and 79 Students and 2 faculty Members of University of Central Punjab, Quaid Campus Rawalpindi who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings.

DISCUSSION ON OUTBREAK OF CORONA VIRUS

The House started discussion on the apprehension of outbreak of Corona Virus and the precautionary measures taken by the Government in this regard. Following Members spoke on the issue:

- i.** Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- ii.** Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- iii.** Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
- iv.** Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
- v.** Senator Mohsin Aziz
- vi.** Senator Semee Ezdi
- vii.** Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad
- viii.** Senator Sirjul Haq
- ix.** Senator Mushtaq Ahmad
- x.** Senator Nauman Wazir Khatak
- xi.** Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- xii.** Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi
- xiii.** Senator Sherry Rehman
- xiv.** Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
- xv.** Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi

At the end of the debate, the Chairman, on behalf of the Parliament, expressed solidarity with the, Government and people of the Peoples' Republic of China and assured that Pakistan will extend every possible assistance to brotherly country of China.

COMPLIANCE REPORT BY THE MINISTER

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs submitted compliance report on the following two assurances:-

1. About the contaminated drinking water in Parliament Lodges. He informed the House that the issue has now been resolved and the water being supplied in the Lodges is now pure.
2. About the construction of dilapidated Nursery-Sunday market Road.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi drew attention of the House towards tussle between CDA and MCI as both the departments are reluctant to work on the excuse of lack of funds due to which the condition of Islamabad is deteriorating day by day. He also pointed out some incomplete projects in Islamabad like a citizens' club in F9 Park and urged the Chair to look into the matter to save the beauty of Islamabad.

Chairman stated he will constitute a Committee in consultation with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition to look into this matter.

2. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada drew attention of the House towards the increase in number of cases of child molestation in the country especially in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Chairman ruled that this issue will be discussed in the House on Tuesday the 4th February, 2020.

At 01:00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 3rd February, 2020, at 04:00 p.m.

**Islamabad,
the 31st of January, 2020.**