



## RULING OF THE CHAIR

### ADJOURNMENT MOTION

During sitting of the Senate held on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 (122<sup>nd</sup> session), Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved Adjournment Motion No. 15(122)/2015-M, for discussion on the APS incident. At the conclusion of the debate on the Adjournment Motion, if admitted, he wanted the House to express its will that a judicial inquiry be conducted into the incident. The question arose as to whether an Adjournment Motion can express the will of the House, like a Resolution.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman ruled as under:-

**“If you are going to press your adjournment motion only on the question of demanding of an inquiry, then I will have to take a different point of view as you have other parliamentary instruments to utilize for the expression of the will of the House for holding a judicial inquiry, but if you want a discussion on the question of the unfortunate Peshawar incident, to that extent, I can find the motion in order because it would meet the requirements of Rule 87. So let me know if you are pressing it for a discussion to the extent of the incident, yes, I can find it in order. If it is for the holding of a judicial inquiry, then this is not the instrument that is to be used.”**

Upon that observation of the Chairman, Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi stated he would like to discuss the incident as a whole which has shaken this nation.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman further ruled as under:-

**“I find that the adjournment motion moved by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi to the extent that it deals with holding a discussion on the incident of the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, in which innocent children were massacred and made martyrs in the Army Public School, Peshawar to be in order. As far as the question that the House after a debate, direct the Federal and Provincial Government to hold impartial, high level judicial inquiry into the gory and tragic incident of 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, is concerned, the honorable Senator has other parliamentary instrument to fall back upon. This can't form the part of an adjournment motion.”**



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Chairman Senate

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