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| Date and Day | 15 th February, 2017 (Wednesday) |
| Commenced at | 03:00 p.m. |
| Adjourned at | 06:10 p.m. |
| Presided by | Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri Deputy Chairman (during the Question hour) Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate during the remaining proceedings |
| Attendance | 73 |
| Total working hours | 3 hours and 10 minutes |

QUESTION HOUR

11 questions were replied in the House. The remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The admissibility of the following adjournment motions was determined in the House: -

1. **Adj. Motion No. 1 (2-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the need for investigation of plane crash incidents by an independent investigating body.

After preliminary arguments, the Mover withdrew his motion.

2. **Adj. Motion No. 2 (6-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati to discuss the incident of death of an infant in the women's barrack of Central Jail Adiala, Rawalpindi whose mother was imprisoned along with the baby.

After preliminary arguments, the Mover withdrew his motion.

- 3. Adj. Motion No. 3 (10-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senators Farhatullah Babar, Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Nisar Muhammad, Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the situation prevailing throughout the Country in the light of Article 140-A whereby the Constitution mandates not only the establishment of local Governments but also delegation of political, administrative and financial powers to the local Government representatives.

Motion was moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

Following Members spoke on the admissibility of the Motion:-

- 1.** Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
- 2.** Senator Farhatullah Babar.
- 3.** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
- 4.** Senator Taj Haider.
- 5.** Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
- 6.** Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
- 7.** Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
- 8.** Senator Sirajul Haq.
- 9.** Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
- 10.** Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
- 11.** Senator Abdul Qayyum.
- 12.** Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
- 13.** Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House.

After hearing the Members, the Chairman held the Motion out of order by way of his detailed ruling announced in the House. The Chair suggested the Member to move a resolution expressing opinion of the Senate in this matter.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. **SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee, on the contempt of the House by Mr. Muhammad Ayub Khan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance, by referring the matter raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel on 4th October, 2016, regarding unequal distribution of funds in PSDP and non-releasing of funds allocated for small provinces, at the last moment to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms.

2. **SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee, on Privilege Motion No. 1(255)/2016-M, moved by Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, on 16th January, 2017, regarding conversion of building constructed for surgical ICU ward of Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar, into offices without consulting the Member as the building was constructed out of the development funds provided by the Member.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House: -

1. **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the non-availability of life saving drugs like Florinif tablet, Hydrocartizan and T.B. medicines in the Country particularly in Islamabad.

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan Minister for Commerce made statement on behalf of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

2. **SENATORS SALEEM MANDVIWALLA, SHAHI SYED, MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI AND MUHAMMAD YOUSAF** drew attention of the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division towards the sale of PIA Airbus A-310 to a German Firm in violation of PPRA rules.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:-

1. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.
2. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Minister-In-Charge Aviation Division made statement.

After the statement by the Minister, the Chairman referred the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice to the sub-committee of the Special Committee on Performance of PIA with the direction to report back in the next session of the Senate.

CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST INCIDENT

On behalf of the House and on his own behalf, the Chairman Senate strongly condemned the terrorist incident at Peshawar and all the recent terrorist incidents throughout the country and urged that such coward acts cannot shatter the determination of the Nation.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Sardar Mohammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the less allocation of funds in PSDP for small provinces and non-releasing of such allocated funds.

The Chairman stated that the response of the Minister will come in periodical report.

2. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the incident of missing of two young boys from Islamabad. The parents of the children when called on their phone calls they were responded by some unknown person whose location was traced which was traced near Sector G-9 Islamabad and finally the boys were recovered from the Police Station G-9 Islamabad who were apprehended by the Police and were subjected to brutal torture. As per the boys they were forced to confess various crimes which they have never done.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Functional Committee on Human Rights with the direction to report back in next session.

Senator Farhatullah Babar further spoke about the allotment of land to the retired Government officers which raises many questions in the minds of ordinary people as the people are not aware of such rules and the criteria of such allotments. The Member urged that the Committee of the House should review all such policies.

The Chairman stated that he will look into the matter as the individual cases cannot be examined but a holistic review of the policies can be made.

3. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah drew attention of the House towards the aircrafts obtained by PIA on wet lease from Turkey. He stated that he had an experience of traveling in one of such aircraft. These crafts are so congested and the seating as well as moving capacity is so bad that even a man of average

stature cannot comfortably travel in these planes. He urged the House to enquire that why such faulty designed aircrafts were obtained on wet lease.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Special Committee on performance of PIA with the direction to report back within one month.

4. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail pointed out that the Exporters who are involved in Afghan Trade may be given some extension in time to submit their tax returns due to bad weather condition in the areas of their operation. He further stated that since these exporters are filing their returns for the first time so they are not very much familiar with the process so extension in time may be granted to them.

The Chairman directed that the verbatim may be sent to the concerned Ministry for report back by the Minister.

5. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi spoke about the non-availability of gas to domestic consumers in morning, afternoon and evening hours due to which they are unable to run their domestic affairs.
6. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik drew attention of the House towards a video which has become viral on social media wherein the spokesman of Tehreek-ul-Ahrar is declaring war against the State of Pakistan. He urged the Minister for Interior to brief the House that what is the background of this Organization and whether it is in the list of proscribed organizations or not. He criticized the involvement of Afghanistan Government in the harboring of terrorist who operate in Pakistan.

The Chairman asked Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan to convey the Minister of State for Interior to come in the House tomorrow and brief the House on this issue.

The Member further appreciated the Chairman on his stance over the refusal of visa by USA to the Deputy Chairman Senate.

7. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the non-payment of money to the land owners whose land was acquired by CAA for Kanjoo Airport Swat.

The Member also objected upon the statement made by Senator Rehman Malik about the Afghanistan Government.

Senator Rehman Malik made his personal explanation.

8. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamldini spoke about the termination of 21 trainee officers of Survey of Pakistan under the Ministry of Defence.
9. Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani stated that he was in Bangkok where he fell ill. He tried to contact the Ambassador in Bangkok but despite repeated efforts no one from Embassy could be contacted. He stated that on third day the Ambassador contacted him and that too just for formality. He urged that in every consulate/Embassy/Mission abroad a desk should be established to respond the calls of Pakistani citizens abroad.
10. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the spreading of Hepatitis B and C rapidly due to use of contaminated drinking water throughout the country.
11. Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah pointed out that Statistics Division has issued some forms for the upcoming Population Census whereby at the time of visit of Government officials for census, only those persons will be counted who will found present in their homes at that time. He further stated that the IDPs of FATA are scattered throughout the country so Government should make a proper mechanism for their counting otherwise the results of the census will not be conclusive

The Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee with the direction to report back within 30 days.

12. . Senator Nehal Hashmi stated that he along with other Senators met the media representatives in Islamabad Press Club. The media persons demanded that the owners of the Media Houses should be directed to get every employee insured. The Member further spoke about the increasing road accidents in Karachi due to mismanagement of roads. He also spoke about the law and order situation and the efforts of the present Government to control the same.
13. Senator Mohsin Aziz spoke about the supply of contaminated milk in the country both in open milk sale as well as in packaged milk. He stated that the issue has been raised in the House on various occasions but no proper response from the Government has been made in the House.
14. Senator Shahi Syed stated that IGPs and the Chief Secretaries of the Provinces should be called and they should be asked about their problems and the requirements to control the terrorism in their provinces.
15. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel stated that the law enforcement agencies conduct raids in the areas of District Musakhel adjacent

to D.I Khan on the pretext of intelligence reports and they loot the properties of the residents in the name of checking. He assured that the people of District Musakhel are peace loving.

16. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah criticized the lifting of ban on the display of Indian Movies in Pakistan. He stated that when we put blame of each and every incident on India and the India is also doing brutalities in Kashmir then why we display their movies in the country. He stated that this dualism of policies is very damaging. He urged that matter should be taken up in the Committee so that the PEMRA may be asked that under what circumstances the permission of display of Indian Movies has been given.

- The House was adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 16th February, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the
15th February, 2017

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

**Islamabad, the
14th February, 2017.**

**AMJED PERVEZ
Secretary**