

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
**DAILY JOURNAL**  
**(306<sup>TH</sup> SESSION)**

Date and Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> January, 2021 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:10 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:50 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	55
Total Working Hours	02 hours and 40 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 306<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

1. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi
2. Senator Seemee Ezdi
3. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq

**QUESTIONS**

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given.

**Chairman took serious notice of absence of officers of Planning and Development and EAD in the galleries during question hour and directed to write letter to all the Federal Secretaries to ensure attendance of senior officers in the galleries during the disposal of their respective House business.**

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

## **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:**

- 1.** Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 140)], introduced by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.
- 2.** Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 213)], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- 3.** Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Articles 213 and 215)], introduced by Senator Lt. General Abdul Qayyum HI (M) Retd. on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- 4.** Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 [The Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.
- 5.** Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq on behalf of Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 [The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.
- 6.** Senator Rukhsana Zuberi on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of Arabic Language to the students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of Arabic Language Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.
- 7.** Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on behalf of Senator Professor Sajid Mir, Chairman, Standing Committee on Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan, presented report of the Committee on a motion under Rule 218 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, moved by Senators Agha Shahzaib Durrani and Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, regarding the need for reforms in Gilgit-Baltistan in order to enhance sense of participation of the people of Gilgit-Baltistan, upgrade standard of governance and public service delivery, boost industry and commercial

activity especially under CPEC, keeping in view the resolution passed by the Gilgit-Baltistan Assembly on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, demanding constitutional status of Province with representation in the Parliament.

8. Senator Sana Jamali on behalf of Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 40, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, regarding the reasons of increase in the prices of medicines.
9. Senator Sana Jamali on behalf of Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 65, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, regarding construction of Shifa International Hospital on charity land with an aim to function as a charity hospital.

### **PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

Mr. Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar Awan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, laid on the Table of the House an authenticated copy of the Address of the President of Pakistan made under Article 56 (3) of the Constitution before both Houses assembled together on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020, as required by sub-rule (2) of Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

### **MOTION OF THANKS**

Mr. Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar Awan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following Motion:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.”

**Chairman directed that the names of speakers may be provided to the Secretariat.**

### **REPORTS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

1. Mr. Hammad Azhar, Minister for Industries and Production on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the First Quarterly report for the Financial Year 2020-2021, of the Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan’s Economy, as required under section 9A (2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

2. Mr. Hammad Azhar, Minister for Industries and Production on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the Annual report of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy along-with Statistical Supplement for the year 2019-20, as required by section 9A (2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed spoke about resistance on the approval of reserved seats of erstwhile FATA and Baluchistan by PMC and the scholarship issues of the students of erstwhile FATA. **The Chairman directed to seek report from PMC and HEC.** He also spoke about financial crisis in University of Peshawar.
- Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about takeover of federal hospitals in Sindh by Federal Government. She also spoke about conduct of examination by PMC Board without consulting the concerned quarters. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about Law and Order situation in Balochistan.
- Senator Aurangzeb Khan spoke about deteriorating law and order situation in erstwhile FATA and Balochistan.
- Senator Kauda Babar spoke about provision of electricity projects to Makran Coastal Belt. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about improper conduct of MDCAT Exams by PMC. **The Chairman directed to Secretariat to seek report from Secretary National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination.** He also spoke about restoration of internet services in Balochistan.
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini spoke about closure of petrol and diesel trade across the border of Balochistan. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.** He also spoke about unacceptability of air ticket vouchers by International Airlines provided by the Senate. He further spoke about non-existence of telecom towers in peripheral area of District Noshki.

- Senator Muhammad Ayub spoke about payment of dues to the people of Khyber District. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi spoke about installation of electricity meters in Charsada. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif spoke about growing trends of Blasphemy through internet. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned and directed the Committee to summon PTA and FIA and direct them to collect the data of fake accounts and present report in the House.**
- Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi spoke about concerning issue regarding PMC.
- Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri spoke about provision of coverage for Opposition in local media. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi spoke about recommendation of the House for provision of Gas in Hilly areas.
- Senator Rubina Khalid spoke about various issues emerging after the constitution of PMC.

**At 12:50 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2021.**