313TH SESSION JOURNAL

SITTINGS AND HOURS ETC.

Session summoned on	=	12-07-2021
Session prorogued on	=	16-07-2021

Number of working days = 05 Number of actual sittings = 04 Number of Private Members' days = 01

Maximum attendance = 82 (on 12-07-2021)Minimum attendance = 73 (on 14-07-2021)

Average attendance = 78.50%

Total hours of sittings = 13 hours and 20 minutes

Maximum hours of sitting = 03 hours and 55 minutes

(on 12-07-2021)

Minimum hours of sitting = 02 hours and 55 minutes

(on 16-07-2021)

Average hours of sittings = 03 hours and 30 minutes

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 313TH SESSION

- 1. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
- 2. Senator Naseema Ehsan.
- 3. Senator Walid Igbal.

QUESTION HOURS

Question Hours were taken up on 13th, 14th and 16th July, 2021.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Following reports were presented during the session:-

- 1. Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to re-organize the Federal medical teaching institutes and teaching hospitals thereof [The Federal Medical Teaching Institutes Bill, 2021].
- 2. Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to re-organize and create the National Institute of Health [The National Institute of Health (Re-organization) Bill, 2021].
- **3.** Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) Act, 2020 [The Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

- **4.** Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 [The Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2021].
- **5.** Senator Zarqa Soharwardi Tamoor on behalf of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Maritime Security Agency Act, 1994 [The Maritime Security Agency (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

MOTIONS [Under Rule 194(1)]

Following motions for extension of time in presenting reports of Committees were moved and extensions granted:-

- 1. Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, moved that time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senators Walid Iqbal and Manzoor Ahmed, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 14th July, 2021. The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.
- 2. Senator Muhammad Akram on behalf of Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony, moved that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 [The Guardians and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2021], introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 31st May, 2021, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 28th July, 2021. The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Following Government Bill was introduced and referred to Committees:-

1. The Bill further to amend the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, 1997 [The Control of Narcotic Substances (Second Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Following Government Bills were passed during the session:-

- **1.** The Bill to amend the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act, 2020 [The Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee.
- 2. The Bill further to amend the Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) Act, 2020 [The Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee.
- **3.** The Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee.
- **4.** The Bill to re-organize the Federal medical teaching institutes and teaching hospitals thereof [The Federal Medical Teaching Institutes Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
- **5.** The Bill to re-organize and create the National Institute of Health [The National Institute of Health (Re-organization) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED DURING THE SESSION

Following Bills Introduced and Referred to Standing Committees Concerned:-

- 1. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Amendment of Article 160).
- 2. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Insertion of Article 24A).
- 3. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Amendment of Article 130).
- **4.** The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Amendment of Article 9).
- 5. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 (Insertion of Article 38A).
- **6.** The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 **(Amendment of Article 89)**. [The Bill was opposed by MOS Parliamentary Affairs however, the leave to introduce the Bill was granted by 37 votes to 33 votes]
- **7.** The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021]. [The Bill was opposed by MOS Parliamentary Affairs however, the leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House]
- **8.** The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Amendment of Sections 6 and 300).
- 9. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Insertion of Article 17A and Amendment of Articles 51 and 106).

- **10.** The Bill further to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947 [The Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
- **11.** The Bill for the Establishment of Ibadat International University, Islamabad [The Ibadat International University Islamabad Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
- **12.** The Bill to provide for the regulation of employment of domestic workers in Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Domestic Workers Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly.
- **13.** The Bill further to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 [The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as passed by the National Assembly.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS PASSED DURING THE SESSION

Following Private Members' Bills were passed during the session:-

- 1. The Bill to control and prevent torture and custodial death [The Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention and Punishment) Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee.
- 2. The Bill further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 [The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as introduced in the Senate.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

Following Motions under Rule 218 were moved and discussed during the session:-

- **1.** The House may discuss Pakistan's Counter Terrorism Strategy particularly in the wake of recent terrorist attacks moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi.
- **2.** The House may discuss the continuation of Pakistan in the gray list by the FATF moved by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on his behalf and behalf of Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi.
- **3.** The House may discuss the steps being taken by the Government for the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui moved by Senator Mushtag Ahmed.

RESOLUTIONS

Following Resolutions were moved and passed during the session:-

- 1. "This House recommends that the Government should formulate an emergency national action plan to fight the impending water crisis through reliable data gathering, improved efficiency of existing reservoirs, reduced water losses and improved sowing all over the country." Moved by Senator Seemee Ezdi.
- 2. "The House strongly recommends that the Federal Government should start metro bus service from Faizabad to Rawat on priority basis. Since Islamabad Expressway is a wide road, the service can be started without any delays by plying metro buses on a dedicated lane at the Expressway." Moved by Senator Naseebullah Bazai on his behalf and behalf of Senators Kauda Babar and Ahmed Khan.
- 3. "The House demands from the Federal Government to ensure provision of 3% share in the NFC Award and Rs.100 billion annual development package for the merged districts of erstwhile FATA as committed by the Federal Government at the time of 25th Constitutional Amendment and merger of EX-FATA with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in order to carry out development programme in the said districts during the next financial year 2021-2022." Moved by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
- 4. "This House recommends that special tax exemptions may be granted to the small traders and low salaried class of Karachi and Hyderabad as they suffered during the lock downs in Karachi and Hyderabad". Moved by Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari. The Resolution was opposed by the MOS for Parliamentary Affairs. The Chairman referred the Resolution to the Standing Committee concerned.
- **5.** Senator Kauda Babar moved resolution regarding the retrospective extensions in the tax exemptions for the erstwhile FATA and PATA areas of KPK and Balochistan for the period 2018-2021. The Resolution was passed unanimously.
- **6.** Senator Azam Nazir Tarar moved condolence resolution **on sad demise of** former President of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

MOTION [Under Rule 126(7)]

Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, moved that the Bill further to amend the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 [The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, be considered in a joint sitting. **The Motion was put to the House and adopted unanimously.**

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES

(Under Rule 278)

SENATOR MIAN RAZA RABBANI, sought leave under sub-rule (4) of Rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, to move the following amendment in Rule 9 and Insertion of Fourth Schedule in the said Rules. Leave was granted and the Amendments were referred to the Committee Rules of Procedure and Privileges consideration and report.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chairman Rules that from now onward, the Members while moving any Motion shall not use the word 'Beg' rather they should use the word 'Wish'

DIRECTIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman while taking notice of the abduction of Malik Obaidullah Kasi, leader of the Awami National Party (ANP), from the Killi Katir area of Kuchlak, directed that the Chief Secretary Balochistan and the Secretary Ministry of Interior may be asked to ensure their full cooperation with the party and family of the abductee and make their best efforts for the safe release of the abductee.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- 1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on his behalf and behalf of Senators Rana Maqbool Ahmad, Azam Nazeer Tarar, Mian Raza Rabbani and Kamran Murtaza drew attention of the Minister for Railways, towards the tragic train crash in Ghotki in which sixty-six passengers lost their lives and many sustained injuries. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Railway made statement.
 - The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.
- 2. Senator Mohsin Aziz drew attention of the Minister for Communications towards the poor condition of Burhan-Shah Maqsood Section of Hazara Motorway which is prone to accidents and damages to vehicles. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, MOS Parliamentary Affairs made statement on the subject matter of CAN. The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.

- **3.** Senator Nuzhat Sadiq moved the Calling Attention Notice drew attention of the Minister for Aviation towards the difficulties being faced by Pakistanis due to over booking and cancellation of flights of various Air lines. Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Minister for Aviation made statement on the subject matter of CAN. **The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.**
- 4. Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari drew attention of the Minister for Interior, towards the fake CNICs issued by NADRA to terrorists, band organizations and foreign nationals. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, MOS Parliamentary Affairs made statement on the subject matter of CAN. The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.
- **5.** Senator Hidayatullah Khan drew attention of Minister for Interior, towards the deteriorating law and order situation in the country particularly in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, MOS Parliamentary Affairs made statement on the subject matter of CAN. **The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.**

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- **1.** Senator Mian Raza Rabbani spoke about the proposed initiation of dialogue with the angry Balochs. He demanded meeting of Committee of Whole on this issue. Leader of the House Responded.
- 2. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri spoke about Balochistan issue.
- 3. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bazinjo spoke about Balochistan issue.
- **4.** Senator Dr Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur spoke about the Youm-e-Shuhada-e-Kashmir Day.
- **5.** The Opposition benches recorded their protest against the abusive and defamatory remarks for two former Prime Ministers of Pakistan i.e. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, made by the Minister for Kashmir Affairs during a rally in AJK.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

- i. Senator Sherry Rehman.
- ii. Senator Azam Nazir Tarar.
- iii. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
- iv. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, LOH.
- **v.** Senator Rubina Khalid.
- vi. Senator Faisal Javed.
- vii. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani.
- viii. Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.
- ix. Senator Ijaz Chaudhry.

- **6.** Senator Danesh Kumar pointed out the remarks made by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani during sitting of the Senate held on 13th July, 2021 whereby he made some remarks with the context that the Balochistan governance is being run by the Federal Government as a colony. He denied any such impression.
- 7. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed pointed out the problems being faced by three million overseas Pakistanis from KPK who are suffering severe restriction from UAE and Saudi Arabia in view of COVID. He also pointed out the problems being faced by a family of a boy died in Malaysia regarding his dead body's transportation to Pakistan. He suggested that the Embassies in all countries should assist such cases and also provided financial support. The Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee.
- 8. Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention towards the new wave of terrorism in the wake of US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the possible civil war in Afghanistan. She also spoke about the banning of a book by Punjab Textbook Board due to printing of picture of Mala Yousfzai as national hero. Senator Ijaz Chaudhry responded on behalf of the Punjab Government and explained that the book was published by Oxford Press without approval from Punjab Textbook Board.
- 9. Following Members spoke on the hasty legislation by the House:
 - i. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
 - ii. Senator Sherry Rehman.
- **10.** Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti clarified the misreporting of statement of Chief Minister Balochistan about the budget documents. He also refuted the remarks made by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani during sitting of the Senate held on 13th July, 2021 whereby he made some adverse remarks with the context that the Balochistan governance is being run by the Federal Government as a colony. He denied any such impression.
- **11.** Senator Rubina Khalid apprehended the bad consequence of the Federal Medical Teaching Institutes Bill, 2021 passed by the Senate. Leader of the House responded and clarified the apprehensions of the Members.
- **12.** Senator Sherry Rehman apprehended possible civil war in Afghanistan and its effect on Pakistan.

13. Senator Saifullah Abro spoke about killing of a minority member in District Tharparkar and highhandedness of police. He pointed out over all bad governance in Sindh.