

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(347th SESSION)

Date and Day	8 th March 2025, (Saturday)
Commenced at	12:02 p.m
Adjourned at	02:02 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate& Presiding Officer
Attendance	44
Total Working Hours	2hours

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

Oath Taking by the Member Elect

Mr. Asad Qasim, newly elected member of the Senate to make oath.

(Oath taking of Senator Asad Qasim)

MOTION
[Under Rule 263]

1. Senator Sherry Rehman, moved under Rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 that the requirements or Rule 41 of the said Rules regarding Question Hour may be dispensed with for today's sitting of the Senate.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

Speech of Senator Aon Abbas

Ruling of the Chair pertaining to the consecutive non-compliance of Production Orders for incarcerated Member, Senator Ejaz Chaudhry

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. **Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the opposition**
2. **Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui**
3. **Senator Sherry Rehman**
4. **Senator Kamran Murtaza**
5. **Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand**
6. **Senator Naseema Ehsan**
7. **Senator Saifullah Abro**

At 01:10 p.m the Presiding Officer started the proceeding of the House.

MOTION
[Under Rule 263]

1. Senator Sherry Rehman, moved under Rule 263 of the Rules of Business and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 that the requirements of Rules 29, 30 and 133 of the said rules be dispensed with in order to enable the House to move and pass a resolution on Women's Day.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

RESOLUTION

1. Senator Sherry Rehman, moved the following resolution:-

“Recognizing the persistent disparities and challenges faced by women and girls in Pakistan, including but not limited to economic, social, and political barriers that hinder their full participation and contribution to society; Acknowledging that Pakistan ranks 145th out of 146 countries on the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Index. This indicates a significant gender gap and a decline from 2023, when Pakistan was ranked 142nd underscoring the urgency of taking swift and decisive measures to bridge the gender gap;

The Senate of Pakistan recommends that the Government should take accelerated measures to ensure and enhance women's economic inclusion, including but not limited to:

- i) Forging women's economic empowerment by increasing financial inclusion, expanding access to credit and business resources, and fostering entrepreneurship to create sustainable economic opportunities for women;
- ii) Ensuring women have the right to make health choices and not be forced to marry while they are underage. Helping women and girls make informed decision about their health by reforming healthcare policies, ensuring access to reproductive health services, and prioritizing mental and maternal health care;
- iii) Ensuring women's access to legal rights, information on such rights, and timely action for prosecution of cases and crimes against women including political victimisation;
- iv) Ensuring action on gender-based violence and sexual harassment in the workplace. Ensuring that crimes based on so-called “honour” are severely penalised by the law;
- v) Recruiting , retaining, and developing and investing in women talent by strengthening policies that promote workplace equity, ensure fair

and equal wages, and implement programs to support career progression and leadership developments;

- vi) Supporting women and girls in leadership, decision making, business, and STEM fields through strategic mentorship programs, scholarships, and educational reforms that break barriers to professional advancements;
- vii) Designing and building infrastructure that meets the needs of women and girls by improving transport safety, workplace childcare facilities, and access to digital and financial resources to support economic participation;
- viii) Involving women and girls in sustainable agriculture and food security by equipping them with technical training, land rights, and access to agricultural financing to enhance their role in climate resilience and food sustainability;
- ix) Providing women and girls with access to quality education and training by eliminating barriers to schooling, promoting literacy programs, and ensuring digital access for skill-building and lifelong learning;
- x) Elevating women and girls' participation and achievement in sports by increasing investment in female athletes, ensuring equal opportunities, and breaking gender stereotypes in competitive sports;
- xi) Promoting the creative and artistic talent of women and girls by supporting women in the arts, literature, and cultural industries through funding, mentorship, and public platforms;
- xii) Addressing further areas supporting the advancement of women and girls, including legal protection against discrimination, stronger enforcement of equal pay policies, and initiatives that amplify women's voices in media and policymaking. The House also calls upon all stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector, the media, academia, and individuals to join hands in the collective pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment, recognizing that only through bold, decisive and sustained efforts we can build a more inclusive, equitable and just society for all. These measures emphasize the importance of Accelerate Action for Gender Equality as highlighted by the theme for

International Women's Day 2025, consistent with the priority of the UN 69th Commission on the Status of Women aimed at advancing gender equality and women's empowerment through economic inclusion for women and rights globally."

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Kamil Ali Agha**
- 2. Senator Raja Nasir Abbas**

The Resolution was passed unanimously by the House.

POINTATION OF QUORUM

Senator Umer Farooq pointed out the quorum.

Count was made but the House was not in order so the bells were rung for five minutes and count was made again. The House was not in quorum, therefore,

02:02 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday ,11th March, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
8th March ,2025.**