

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(357th SESSION)

Date and Day	16 th January 2026, (Friday)
Commenced at	10:50 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:00 p.m.
Presided by	Presiding officer
Attendance	51
Total Working Hours	02hours and 10minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 357th SESSION

1. Senator Sherry Rehman
2. Senator Pervaiz Rashid
3. Senator Amir Waliuddin Chishti

CONDOLENCE

The House offered Condolence for the departed soul of former Senator Bregadier (Retd.) John Kenneth Williams.

Oath taking by Member elect Abid Sher Ali

QUESTION HOUR

Printed questions were asked and their oral replies were given by the ministers concerned.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Presiding officer.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 1, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan, on 22nd May, 2024, regarding steps taken by the Government to control corruption in the Railways, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 19th November, 2025.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

2. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 2, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan, on 22nd May, 2024, regarding suffering of loss of Rs. 55 billion by Pakistan Railways in the Financial Year 2023, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 19th November, 2025.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

3. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 3, asked by Senator Shahadat Awan, on 22nd May, 2024, regarding the details of train accidents took place in the country during the last five years, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 19th November, 2025.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

[Under Rule 195]

1. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Transfer of Railways Order, 1962 [The Transfer of Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

Report stood laid.

2. Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Indecent Advertisements Prohibition Act, 1963 [The Indecent Advertisements Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 2025], introduced by Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan on 19th May, 2025.

Report stood laid.

3. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan, on behalf of **Senator Bushra Anjum Butt**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to provide for the establishment of the University of Business, Sciences and Technology [The University of Business, Sciences and Technology Bill, 2025], introduced by Senator Abdul Shakoor Khan on 17th February, 2025.

Report stood laid.

4. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on a Privilege Motion moved by Senator Jam Saifullah Khan regarding misconduct of Secretary, Health Department, Government of Sindh.

Report stood laid.

5. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on a Privilege Motion moved by Senator Syed Masroor Ahsan regarding misconduct of Secretary, Ministry of National Food Security and Research.

Report stood laid.

6. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on the proposed amendment in Rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, moved by Senator Saleem Mandviwalla and others on 5th December, 2025.

Report stood laid.

7. Senator Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan, on behalf of **Senator Saleem Mandviwalla**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, presented report

of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 24, asked by Senator Kamran Murtaza, on 9th October, 2025, regarding whether it is a fact that the Auditor General of Pakistan has disclosed financial irregularities of Rs. 375 trillion in its recent report.

Report stood laid.

8. Senator Khalil Tahir, on behalf of **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri**, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented periodical report of the Committee on a matter referred by the House regarding Resolution No. 584 passed by the Senate on 8th March, 2025, calling for affirmative action against persistent disparities and challenges faced by women and girls in the country, moved by Senator Sherry Rehman and others.

Report stood laid.

9. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, on behalf of **Senator Umer Farooq**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Bilal Ahmed Khan on 4th November, 2025, regarding shortage / load shedding of gas supply in Quetta, Balochistan.

Report stood laid.

10. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, on behalf of **Senator Umer Farooq**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto on 11th March, 2025, regarding low pressure of gas in Sindh Province, especially in Karachi city.

Report stood laid.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Rana Sana Ullah Khan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Inter Provincial Coordination, introduced a Bill further to amend the Travel Agencies Act, 1976 to the extent of the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Travel Agencies (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Rana Sana Ullah Khan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Inter Provincial Coordination, introduced a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Tourist Guides Act, 1976 to the extent of the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Pakistan Tourists Guides (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Rana Sana Ullah Khan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Inter Provincial Coordination, introduced a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Hotels and Restaurants Act, 1976 to the extent of the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Pakistan Hotels and Restaurants (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

MOTION
[Under rule 263]

1. Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, Minister for Railways, moved under Rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirement of sub-rule (2) of Rule 99 of the said Rules be dispensed with in order to take into consideration the Bill further to amend the Transfer of Railways Order, 1962 [The Transfer of Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
BILL AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, Minister for Railways, moved that the Bill further to amend the Transfer of Railways Order, 1962 [The Transfer of Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2025], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

(Amendments was moved by Senator Farooq Hamid Naek on his behalf and on behalf Senator Sherry Rehman).

The Motion was put to the House. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

2. Mr. Muhammad Hanif Abbasi, Minister for Railways, moved that the Bill further to amend the Transfer of Railways Order, 1962 [The Transfer of Railways (Amendment) Bill, 2025], be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Falak Naz, on her behalf and on behalf of **Senators Fawzia Arshad, Aimal Wali Khan, Saadia Abbasi and Dilawar Khan**, drew attention of the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication, towards the excessive and un-monitored use of social media applications by minor children making them vulnerable to online harassment and exploitation.

Following Member spoke on this issue:-

1. Senator Fawzia Arshad

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issued.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Kamran Murtaza, spoke regarding the issue pertaining to grant of scholarships to the students belonging to Balochistan.

2. Senator Falak Naz, spoke regarding the isolation of Ex-Prime Minister, Mr. Imran Khan and his wife at Adiala Jail.

Following Member spoke on this issue:-

1. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice

2. Senator Syed Ali Zafar

3. Senator Jan Muhammad, spoke regarding the difficulties faced by students of Quaid-e-Azam University due to CDA's action against Kachi Abadi inside University premise.

4. Senator Kamran Murtaza, spoke regarding the abduction of students belonging to Balochistan.

01:00 p.m. the Presiding officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday ,19thJanuary, 2026, at 04:00 p.m.

**Islamabad, the
16th January ,2025.**