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[Mr. Khurshid Hasan Meer]

case I talked to their General Secretary on telephone and said that I am coming to Karachi on the 13th. If you prefer to wait until then, then it is alright otherwise you are welcome to come to Islamabad and on their request I issued instructions to the Departments concerned that if any one of their representatives wants to come, he should be given the facility. There have been negotiations by the Provincial Labour Department and the Chief Engineer is also there. Today they have called off the strike. So, we will sit down with them and find out which of their demands are reasonable and can be conceded.

خواجہ محمد صفدر : جناب چیئرمین ! اب میں زیادہ زور نہیں دیتا کیونکہ strike ختم ہو گئی ہے ۔ بس اتنی گزارش کروں گا کہ محترم وزیر مواصلات از راہ کرم ملازمین کے جائز مطالبات قبول کرنے کی کوشش کیا کریں ۔ میں ناجائز مطالبات کی حمایت کے لیے سفارش کرنے کو تیار نہیں ہوں ۔

جناب خورشید حسن میر : میں نے پہلے کہا ہے کہ عوامی حکومت یوں تو ساری قوم کی نمائندگی کرتی ہے لیکن بالخصوص محنت کش طبقہ کی زیادہ نمائندگی کرتی ہے کیونکہ محنت کش طبقہ ہی عوامی حکومت کو برسرِ اقتدار لانے کا ذمہ دار ہے ۔ جہاں تک ہمارے ملک اور قوم کا بجٹ اور وسائل ممکن ہیں ، ہم ان کے حالات بہتر کریں گے اور کرتے رہیں گے ۔ کسی ایک محکمے کو ہم کچھ ایسی مراعات نہیں دے سکتے جن سے دوسرے تمام محکموں کا نظام خراب ہو جائے حکومت ایسے حالات سے نبرد آزما نہیں ہونا چاہتی ۔ یہ ایسے حالات ہیں جن میں حکومت کو احتیاط برتنی پڑتی ہے ۔

Mr. Chairman : Thank you very much. So the adjournment motion is not pressed. There is a motion under rule 187 in your name, Khawaja Mohammad Safdar.

MOTION RE : ENORMOUS INCREASE IN THE EXPENDITURE ON CIVIL ADMINISTRATION

Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : Sir, I beg to move :

“That the situation arising out of the enormous increase in the expenditure on Civil Administration of the Federal Government of Pakistan, be taken into consideration.

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

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Rao Abdus Sattar : Mr. Chairman, Sir.

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The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Chamber, (State Bank Building), Islamabad, at eleven of the clock in the morning, Mr. Chairman (Mr. Habibullah Khan) in the Chair.

(Recitation from the Holy Quran)

Mr. Chairman : Now, there is an adjournment motion by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. You move your adjournment motion.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION RE : T & T WORKER'S STRIKE

Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : Sir, I beg leave of the House to move a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Senate to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance and of recent occurrence, namely, the failure of the Federal Government to accept the genuine demands of the T & T workers as a result of which the workers of the Central Telegraph Karachi, Hyderabad and Central Radio Office, Karachi and Southern Tele-communication have gone on strike for an indefinite period. This has resulted in great hardship to the public.

Mr. Khurshid Hasan Meer : Sir, I am happy to report that after my statement in the National Assembly last evening, the latest situation is, I am informed, that the strike has been called off and that happened on my personal intervention, I first sent the Chief Engineer to talk to them. The problem really was that what they wanted, we might have agreed to, but the audit people were opposed. They did not see eye to eye with us on the interpretation of the application of the National Pay Scale and of course, the Honourable House knows the Auditor-General's Organisation is independent of the Government, and even if a Government Department grants certain things they can take it away and deduct the payment from the future salary. The audit team happened to be there in Karachi and the matter was taken up and they said we do not agree with this interpretation. There were of course other demands also, new demands and those demands would have had repercussions. As it is, in the pay and salaries of employees for delivery of telegrams have been substantially increased. They were first given pay scale 1. That was of course almost double of what they were getting. It did not satisfy them. Then they were given Pay Scale No. 3. There are other matters also. But in any

Mr. Chairman : Would you mind addressing from your own chair.

Rao Abdus Sattar : I request your honour that this motion may be deferred till the concerned Minister's arrival.

Mr. Khurshid Hasan Meer : He has arrived this morning, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : He has arrived. That is a good connection.

Mr. Khurshid Hasan Meer : And he is also immediately leaving again.

Mr. Chairman : He has arrived, but he cannot come and take up this motion unless he is well-prepared.

خواجہ محمد صفدر : بالکل ٹھیک ہے جناب والا ! مجھے اس میں کوئی اعتراض نہیں ہے لیکن میں آپ کی توجہ قاعدہ نمبر ۲۲ کی طرف دلانا چاہتا ہوں۔ اس میں لکھا ہے کہ جمعہ کے روز معزز اراکین سینٹ کی طرف سے پیش کردہ غیر سرکاری کام زیر بحث آئے گا اور اگر جمعہ کے روز چھٹی ہو تو پھر اگلے روز اسے سرکاری کام پر فوقیت دی جائے گی۔ بہر حال 'private members' business کا ایک دن ہونا چاہیے۔

Mr. Chairman : On Friday private members' business shall have precedence.

Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : There is Rule 22 :

“On Friday private members' business shall have precedence, and on all other days no business other than Government business shall be transacted except with the consent of the Leader of the House :

Provided that if any Friday is a holiday, private members' business shall have precedence on the next working day.”

حکومت تو خواہ کسی دن بھی چھٹی کا اعلان کر سکتی ہے۔ اگر کسی معقول وجہ سے یہ نہیں ہو سکتا تو میں یہ نہیں کہتا کہ یہ نامعقول وجہ ہے، پھر سوموار پر اس تحریک کو ملتوی کر دیں۔

Mr. Chairman I will abide by this rule. This shall be taken on the next private members' day.

خواجہ محمد صفدر : وہ تو پھر آئندہ جمعہ ہی ہوگا مگر میرا مقصد یہ ہے کہ اگر آج حکومت کی مہربانی سے چھٹی ہے تو اس کے بدلے پھر سوموار کو یہ مسئلہ زیر بحث آنا چاہیے۔

Mr. Khurshid Hasan Meer : It is neither here nor there. It is an adjournment motion.

Mr. Chairman : No, No. It is not an adjournment motion.

Mr. Khurshid Hasan Meer : Then let it come. This increase in the Government expenses has been going on for the last one hundred years.

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Mr. Chairman : You invited my attention to rule 22.

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Mr. Chairman : You just for a while imagine that you are in the Chair. What will be your decision ?

خواجہ محمد صفدر : وہ تو پھر چھٹی کی definition میں تلاش کرنا پڑے گا۔

Mr. Chairman : No, No. Apart from that, we are workig now. How will it be holiday ?

Rao Abdus Sattar : All right, on Friday. We will discuss the motion on next Friday.

Mr. Chairman : So, this is deferred to the next Friday. No other business is left now. It looks like a holiday, but it is not a holiday. So, the House stands adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 8th April, 1974, at 10.00 a.m.

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