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Saturday, August 31, 1974.

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

(Recitation from the Holy Quran).

STARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mr. Chairman : Item No. 2, Questions. Since the Minister concerned is not present, I think, this item has to be postponed. Have you any objection ?

Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : No objection Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Then the questions stand postponed. Now we take up the Adjournment motions.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION RE: FINANCE MINISTER'S STATEMENT REGARDING LOSS DUE TO DAMAGE TO TARBELA DAM BEING MOST ALARMING

Mr. Chairman : This adjournment motion was taken up yesterday but not discussed because of the absence of the Minister concerned Dr. Mubashar Hasan is absent, so this will again have to be deferred. Have you any objection ?

Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : No objection, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : All right the adjournment motion also stands deferred. Now we take motion under Rule 187.

MOTION RE : CORRUPTION IN AGRICULTURE
BANK OF PAKISTAN

Mr. Chairman : This was moved yesterday. Only consideration was left because of the absence of the Minister Concerned. Who is the Minister concerned? I think it is Dr. Mubashir Hasan. This has also to be postponed.

جناب شیر محمد : جناب والا سید قربان علی شاہ صاحب اس موشن کو ورڈراء کرنا چاہتے تھے اور انہوں نے مجھے بتایا ہے کہ - - - -

جناب چیئرمین : آپ کو تو بتایا ہے مگر مجھے کیوں نہیں بتایا - میرے لیے تو کوئی چارہ کار نہیں ہے - میں کیسے کر سکتا ہوں ؟

جناب شیر محمد : ٹھیک ہے جناب -

جناب چیئرمین : پھر اس دن بھی وہ ورڈراء کر سکتے ہیں -

On the day he can withdraw very easily. Now, we take motion under rule 173.

MOTION RE FORMATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE
TO DRAFT RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT
OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE

Mr. Chairman : This has been tabled by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar.

Khawaja Mohammad Safdar : Sir, due to the absence of the Law Minister, it has also to be deferred.

Mr. Chairman : He is unvoidably absent. So this item No. 4, has also to be deferred. I wonder if there is anything left over for the House. Now, we come to item No. 5. This has to be taken up. All other business is carried over to some other day. It is postponed. Item No. 5, Mr. Shahzad Gul to move please.

MOTION RE : FORMATION OF A SPECIAL
COMMITTEE TO TOUR BALUCHISTAN
AND SUBMIT DETAILED REPORT

Mr. Shahzad Gul : Sir, I beg to move :

“That a Special Committee under Rule 173 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 1973, consisting of the following Senators be formed :—

1. Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai,
2. Khawaja Mohammad Safdar,
3. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah Jamote,

4. Mr. Abdul Wahid Kurd,
5. Mr. Shahzad Gul,
6. Rao Abdus Sattar,
7. Mr. Ahmad Waheed Akhtar,
8. Agha Ghulam Nabi Khan,
9. Mr. Zafar Ahmed Qureshi, and
10. Mr. Hazoor Bakhs.

The Committee should visit the Province of Baluchistan and after extensive tour submit a detailed report to the Senate about the political and law and order situation in that Province.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :—

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3. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Shah Jamote,
4. Mr. Abdul Wahid Kurd,
5. Mr. Shahzad Gul,
6. Rao Abdus Sattar,
7. Mr. Ahmad Waheed Akhtar,
8. Agha Ghulam Nabi Khan,
9. Mr. Zafar Ahmad Qureshi, and
19. Mr. Hazoor Bakhsh.”

The Committee should visit the Province of Baluchistan and after extensive tour submit a detailed report to the Senate about the political and law and order situation in that Province.”

Rao Abdus Sattar : Sir, I oppose the motion and request that as the Interior Minister is out of Islamabad.....

Mr. Chairman : Which Minister ?

Rao Abdus Sattar : Mr. Abdul Qaiyum Khan is out of Islamabad. So I will request you honour that it may be deferred for another day.

Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai : Sir, I want to draw the attention of the House in the fact that this motion came for discussion in the beginning of this Session and it was postponed day after day. Now, I think, there is no harm if we discuss it just now. As for the Minister is concerned, he is already there in Baluchistan, and it was his duty to remain here and discuss this matter, because this is very important. I think, the Leader of the House and so many other people are here and there is no harm if it is discussed today. We cannot postpone the business of the House for the simple reason that the Minister is not here. I think, it is his duty to remain here, and pay attention to the work and the business of the Senate. There is no harm if it is discussed today. This should be discussed. I think, this is very important. This is my request.

Rao Abdus Sattar : Mr. Qaiyum Khan requested the Chair that in his absence those motions which concerned the Interior Ministry may be deferred till his arrival.

Mr. Chairman : There is no doubt about it that technically speaking it is the Minister of Home Affairs who is to handle this motion. I don't mind postponing it. But if there is any Member from the Treasury Benches who considers himself equal to the task of replying to the opposition, well I don't mind. Any gentleman can do it. I am not thrusting it on you that you must do this. But if you can deal with the motion yourself or the Deputy Chairman or any other gentleman, well and good. Some times a Member should be quite ready to reply to the criticism of the either side. Why not? Why should it be difficult for you to deal with this?

Rao Abdus Sattar : Sir, it is not difficult.....

Mr. Chairman : It is not strictly technical. They want a Committee to tour the Baluchistan Province and submit a report to this House. That is the main thing. This is the key-point—the composition of a Committee to tour Baluchistan and report the result of their tour to the Senate. That is all. If you can do, well and good otherwise there is no other alternative but to postpone it but then 'today' will have been written off as a waste day. We have done nothing.

Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai : Sir, there is no harm if we discuss it today.

Mr. Chairman : I cannot force them. I can only suggest a polite suggestion from the Chair—that if they can deal with it, they should do it. I personally think that Deputy Chairman is quite capable.

Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan : No, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Why not ?

Mr. Tabir Mohammad Khan : I am not capable of answering so many things raised here because I am not the Government. I am part of the legislature.

Mr. Chairman : If there is anything in the Rules that the reply must be by the Minister concerned and nobody else, then it is all right.

Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan : But suppose, Sir, there are certain points of facts and I have no knowledge of facts except of my own personal information, therefore, the thing has to be replied by a Minister. Your suggestion is very healthy suggestion,

Mr. Chairman : I don't say it is unhealthy. I only suggested to you that if there is any gentleman volunteering to oppose this motion and reply to the criticism of the Opposition Benches then I would have allowed it but if you are not ready, not prepared and not willing then I cannot force upon you.

Rao Abdus Sattar : Sir, it will be better if we postpone it till the arrival of the Minister of Interior.

Mr. Chairman : Gilzai Sahib, there is nobody here.

Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai : Sir, if they are so keen that it should be deferred for the next meeting of the Senate then I have no objection. But should be brought under discussion in this session. I think, we are meeting on the 5th.

Rao Abdus Sattar : If the Minister is available.

Mr. Chairman : That assurance can be given by the Leader of the House. Is it possible to bring it under discussion during this session?

Rao Abdus Sattar : Yes, Sir, if the Minister is available.

Mr. Chairman : Is there understanding between you and the Opposition that this should be deferred to any other day convenient to both sides but during this present session?

Rao Abdus Sattar : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : All right. Then we are meeting at 9.30 on the 5th, Does 9.30 A.M. suit you?

Mr. Chairman : But you will appreciate that the Chair cannot compel the Ministers to attend the House.

Hon'ble Senators : Yes.

خواجہ محمد صفدر : جناب والا ! میں تو صرف اتنا عرض کروں گا کہ وہ تو

مشروط بات کر رہے ہیں۔

Mr. Chairman : One at a time.

یہ کام حزب اقتدار کا ہے کہ وزیر صاحب کو بلا کر لائیں صرف ہمارا کام تو نہیں ہے -

Rao Abdus Sattar : Yes, Sir,

خواجہ صاحب : کچھ مصروفیات ہوں گی ان کی -
(مداخلت)

If the Minister is available.

خواجہ محمد صفدر : میں محترم قائد ایوان کی خدمت میں التماس کروں گا ہمارے دل میں ان کا احترام ہے لیکن ان کے دل میں اس ایوان کا احترام بالکل نہیں ہے - کم از کم یہ تاثر میرے دل میں ہے - اس لئے جناب والا ! مجبوری ہو سکتی ہے - وہ انکار کر سکتے ہیں - مگر میں اصرار کروں گا - اس سیشن کے دوران کوئی دن مقرر کر دیا جائے - محترم قائد ایوان محترم وزیر صاحب سے مشورہ کر لیں - ۶، ۷، ۸ کو بیٹھنا پڑے -

خواجہ محمد صفدر : میں نے تو درخواست کی ہے -

راؤ عبدالستار : جیسے کہ خواجہ صاحب نے کہا ہے انشاء اللہ ہم وزیر صاحب کو Contact کریں گے - ان کی مصروفیات ہیں - انہوں نے سارے پاکستان میں کئی جگہ جانا ہوتا ہے - ان کی دسوں مصروفیات ہیں اس لئے ان کی مجبوری ہے - یہ نہیں کہ وہ خوشی سے یہاں نہیں آ رہے - اگر وہ یہاں ہوتے ہوئے اجلاس میں نہ آئیں تو پھر گلہ ہو سکتا ہے -

جناب طاہر محمد خان : جناب والا ! میجر جنرل جمالدار صاحب - مسٹر خورشید حسن میر اور دوسرے وزراء یہاں آتے رہے ہیں - تو یہ کہیں کہہ partly correct ہے -

خواجہ محمد صفدر : اس کا مطلب یہ ہے کہ یہ بات partly incorrect ہے

جناب شہزاد گل : جناب چیئرمین ! آپ نے بہت اچھی بات کی تھی - یہ تو ٹیکنیکل بات ہے کہ کمیٹی بنائی جائے جو سینیٹ کو اپنی رپورٹ پیش کرے - میری استدعا یہ تھی کہ کوئی پرائیویٹ ممبر اپنی جانب سے کئی علاقوں میں نہیں جاسکتا اور وہاں کے حالات معلوم نہیں کر سکتا - لیکن کمیٹی کی صورت میں ان کے پاس اختیار ہوگا کہ - - - -

جناب چیئرمین : آپ تو اپنے موشن پر تقریر کر رہے ہیں -
جناب شہنراد گل : جناب والا ! اس میں یہ تھا کہ کمیٹی جو رپورٹ لائے گی
تو وزیر صاحب اپنی طرف سے رپورٹ کے facts کو contradict کر سکیں گے -

جناب چیئرمین : آپ کی بات ٹھیک ہے - اگر صرف کمیٹی کی تشکیل کا کام
ہو یا اسکے دورہ کی بات ہو یا رپورٹ پر بات کی جائے - یہ تو ہر ممبر کر سکتا ہے -
لیکن اگر - جیسے کہ ہوا کرتا ہے - اگر آپ نے بال کی کھال اتارنی شروع کر دی
اور facts میں enter ہو گئے اور پوچھا کہ کہاں اور کس روز ہم پڑے تھے - کہاں
پر ہوائی جہاز سے ہم گرائے گئے یہ facts بتانا ہر ایک کے بس کی بات نہیں -
that will be difficult & that is the difficulty
صرف قیوم خان صاحب کے بس کی بات ہے -

جناب نعمت اللہ خان : جناب اگر انہیں وہاں kidnap کر لیا گیا تو پھر کیا
ہوگا ؟

خواجہ محمد صفدر : انہیں کوئی kidnap نہیں کرے گا -

Mr. Chairman : All right. Then we are meeting at 9.30 on the
5th. Does 9.30 A.M. suit you ?

Hon'ble Senators : Yes.

Mr. Chairman : All right. The House stands adjourned to meet
again on 5-9-1974 at 9.30 A.M.

The House adjourned till half past nine of the clock in the morning
on Thursday, September, 5, 1974.
